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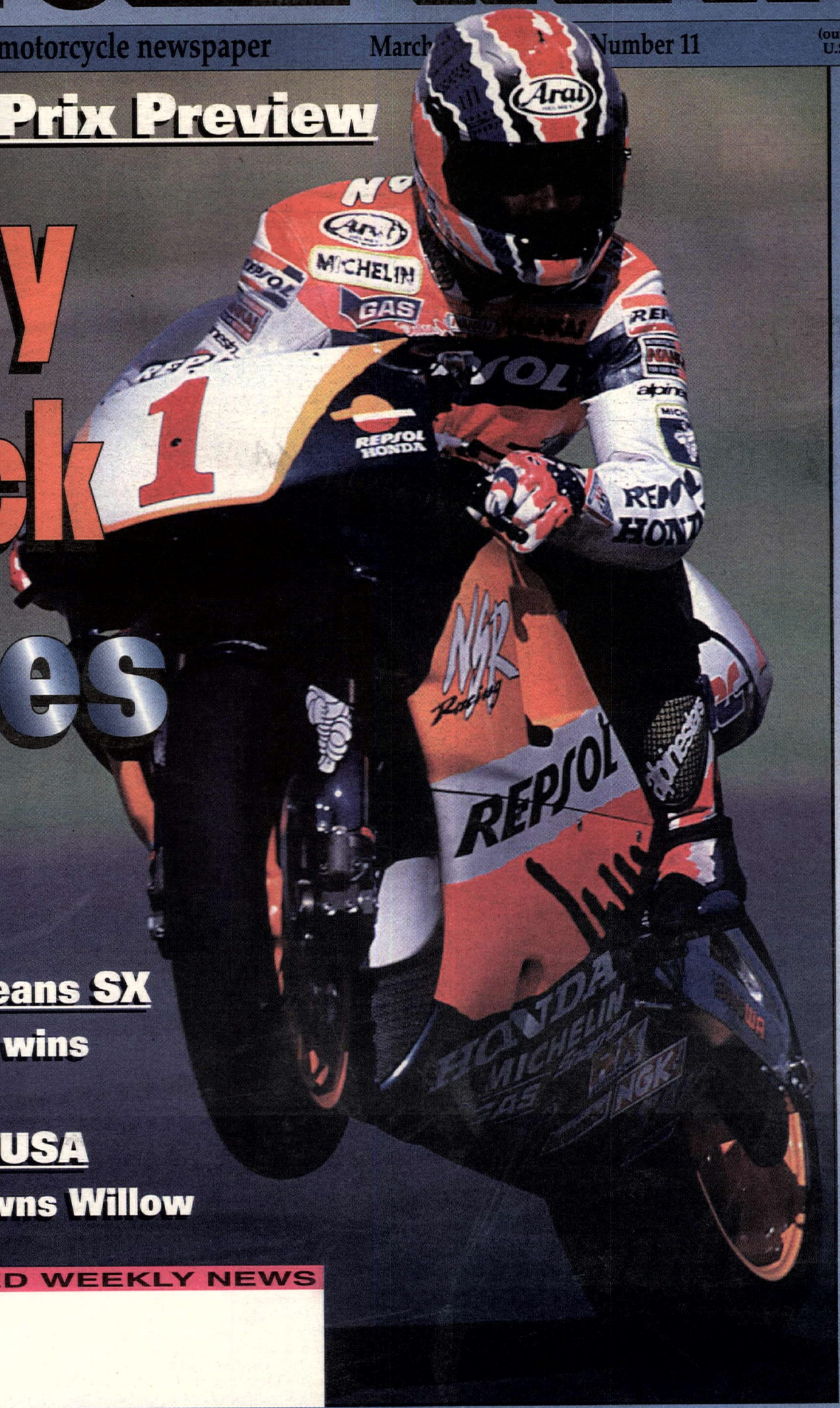

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IN THE WIND

Yamaha riders swept the first three positions in the opening round of the AMA National Enduro Series in Wickenburg, Arizona, on March 15. **Ty Davis** scored the overall win, followed by **Kelby Pepper** and **Doug Blackwell**; all riders were aboard YZ250s. Finishing fourth overall was **Matt Stavish** (Hon), while defending champ **Mike Lafferty** (KTM) rounded out the top five. Six-time champ **Randy Hawkins** (Yam) finished seventh, one spot behind **Jim Gray** (KTM).

Buddy Antunez (Suz) won three out of four races in rounds 25 and 26 of the AMA/PJ1 National Arenacross Series in San Francisco, California, March 13-14. Antunez, who is closing in on his second straight series title, won the 250cc class on both nights and the 125cc class on Saturday night. The 125cc class win on Friday night went to **Cliff Palmer** (Kaw). Palmer topped **Jeff Willoh** (Suz) and **Chad Pederson** (Kaw) in the 125cc race on Friday night, with Antunez beating Pederson and Willoh to win the 250cc class. On Saturday night, Antunez beat **Nathan Ramsey** (Kaw) and Palmer to take the 125cc win prior to besting Pederson and Palmer to take the 250cc win. With two races remaining, Antunez leads Pederson 827-768 in the series standings.

Matt Hines (Suz) took the first step toward defending his NHRA Pro Stock Championship when he beat **Dave Schultz** (Suz) in the rain-delayed opening round of the series in Gainesville, Florida, on March 14. Round two of the series is scheduled for the new Atlanta Dragway in Georgia, April 16-19.

Ernesto Fonseca (Yam) and **Josh Demuth** (Suz) were some of the big winners at the GNC International Final in Mosier Valley, Texas, March 13-15. Fonseca topped the 125cc Expert class over **Brett Racine** (Kaw) and **Matt Walker** (Hon), while Demuth won the 250cc Expert class over **Keith Johnson** (Yam) and **Jeff Northrop** (Kaw). **Chase Reed** (Kaw) pulled off two class wins in the 125cc Stock and Modified Intermediate divisions, while the top Mini-class rider was **Jonathan Shimp** (Yam).

Dutch rider **Leon Giesbers** (KTM) won an International preseason motocross GP race in Lommel, Belgium, on March 15. Giesbers went 2-1 for the overall win, while defending World Champion **Stefan Everts** (Hon) took second with a 1-3 and Belgian **Joel Smets** (Hbg) third with a 3-2.

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Las Vegas Motor Speedway was host to the Inaugural Freestyle Motocross Challenge. A $15,000 purse was posted by 4-Leaf Entertainment/Fleshwound Films and Lawrence Lewis Productions, and the winner was Travis Pastrana (shown), who pocketed $5000 of the purse. Pastrana jumped in front of more than 8000 fans and a panel of judges that included Jeremy McGrath, Jeff Emig and Buddy Antunez, among others. Second place went to Edgar Torrenterous with his versions of heel-clickers and nac-nacs; third went to the "Flyin' Hawaiian," Clifford Adoptante; fourth was taken by Moto XXX's own Brian Deegan; and fifth place went to Mike Jones.
Sondra Peters

Doug Dubach (Yam) won the final round of the Thunder Bikes class of the U.S. Off-Road Championships in the Pontiac Silverdome in Pontiac, Michigan, on March 14. Dubach topped his teammate **Spud Walters**, who had already wrapped up the series crown, and **Chris Knox** (Hbg). The Thunder Trucks class in Pontiac was won by motocross legend **Rick Johnson** in a Chevrolet.

Reigning 250cc World Champion **Max Biaggi** turned in some quick laps on his Kanemoto Honda NSR500 during a test session at the Jerez Circuit in southern Spain on March 12 and 13. Biaggi lapped at 1:43.3, according to team timing, and that was slightly quicker than the lap turned in by MoviStar Honda's Carlos Checa at the recent IRTA tests. Checa also holds the lap record at Jerez of 1:43.301. The test was only Biaggi's second outing on the NSR500, with the 26-year-old putting in some 70 laps.

Another who is turning heads during preseason Grand Prix testing is Frenchman **Regis Laconi**. Laconi, who is riding a Red Bull-backed factory Yamaha YZR500, recorded a time of 2:07.892 at the Suzuka Circuit in Japan on March 10 - a time that would have put him on pole position for last year's Japanese Grand Prix at Suzuka. His lap was also only a tenth of a second slower than Mick Doohan's Suzuka lap record. The Suzuka test came only a week after Laconi had recorded the fastest laps of the off-season at Phillip Island in Australia. "I am delighted with Laconi's performance," Yamaha Grand Prix manager Shuji Sakurada said. "I have been very impressed with him during testing and am quietly surprised by how fast he is." Behind Laconi's best time was the one turned in by Yamaha factory test rider Norihiko Fujiwara, who lapped at 2:08.540. Team Rainey's **Norifumi Abe** lapped at 2:08.637, almost a second quicker than his qualifying time for last year's Japanese Grand Prix. Laconi's Red Bull Yamaha teammate **Simon Crafar** lapped at a best time of 2:09.284. Team Rainey will test again at Suzuka during the IRTA test that is scheduled for March 23-25, and the team is hoping that **Jean-Michel Bayle** will return by then. The Frenchman suffered a concussion in a crash during testing at Shah Alam in Malaysia at the end of February and hasn't ridden since.

Yamaha factory World Superbike rider **Noriyuki Haga** will ride a Yamaha YZR500 as a wild-card entry in the opening round of the 500cc World Championship at Suzuka on April 5. Haga, who will team with Scott Russell on factory Yamahas in the 1998 World Superbike Championship, will race in the Japanese GP just two weeks after opening the World Superbike Series in Australia. Haga has won at Suzuka before, teaming with Colin Edwards II to win the 1996 Suzuka 8 Hours.

Yamaha has also announced that test rider **Norihiko Fujiwara** will be a factory wild-card entry for the second round of the 500cc Grand Prix Series in Johor, Malaysia.

Former Australian Grand Prix promoter **Bob Barnard** has been appointed executive raceway director of the Road Atlanta Motor Sports Center. The Australian, who directed operations and construction at the Adelaide Formula One circuit and Phillip Island and Eastern Creek's motorcycle venues, also helped bring the U.S. Grand Prix to Laguna Seca in 1993. "We're excited to add Bob Barnard to the Road Atlanta Motor Sports Center team," said Jim Selwa, chief operating officer of Panoz Motor Sports. "His background in track management and event marketing is extensive and enhances our overall strategy to hold world-class motorsports events." The initial phase of construction at **Road Atlanta**, located in Braselton, Georgia, is now complete, with its first race scheduled for March 14. Changes include a revised course layout and resurfacing, new gravel traps and retaining walls - which bring Road Atlanta up to FIA and CART safety standards. Road Atlanta is scheduled to host rounds six and seven of the AMA/MBNA Superbike National Championship, May 29-31.

The **Extra** television show that will feature **Jeremy McGrath** is scheduled to air on March 21 on most NBC affiliates. The show was rescheduled from its original air date due to breaking news. McGrath is also scheduled to be featured in Sports Illustrated magazine, with the story scheduled to be wrapped up at the New Orleans Supercross.

Team SplitFire/Pro Circuit/Kawasaki's **Ricky Carmichael** had his helmet stolen from his team's pits just prior to the main event at the Daytona Supercross, March 7. According to Carmichael's close friend Johnny O'Mara, Carmichael's custom helmet meant a lot to him and he's "really bummed" about its disappearance. If you have any information as to the helmet's whereabouts, please call O'Mara at 714/829-6302 ext. 6302.

Veteran Australian road racer **Malcolm Campbell** will become the oldest rider to ever compete in a World Superbike Championship race when he attempts to qualify for the opening round of the series at Phillip Island, March 20-22, according to *Cycle News* contributor **Darryl Flack**. The 45-year-old, a two-time dual Australian Superbike Champion, will pilot a privately entered Ducati in his first World Superbike event in over five years. A pole position winner at World Superbike races in 1988 and 1989, Campbell has set himself realistic goals. "To get into the top 16 would be above my expectations," Campbell said recently. Campbell, who competed in several 500cc GPs in 1988 for the Elf Honda team, has been competing in the Australian 600cc Supersport Championship with his rookie teenage son, Scott. The older Campbell finished eighth in the 1997 title chase.

A report on the Australian motorsport television program RPM has indicated that former Suzuki 500cc GP rider **Daryl Beattie** was approached to take over the Repsol Honda NSR500V vacated by the injured **Takuma Aoki.** Following two disastrous, injury-marked years with the former Lucky Strike-sponsored team, Beattie declared that he would sit out the 1998 season. RPM host **Bill Wood** announced that he believed that Beattie had been offered the ride which has now gone to **Sete Gibernau**, but declined it. Co-host Barry Sheene said: "I find that really silly, if Daryl turned it down. I mean, Luca Cadalora's sitting around without a ride, so Honda may have approached him."

Guy Cooper (KTM) finished third in round three of the 1998 Australian Supercross Championships in Brisbane on March 14. The final race was won by 20-year-old **Craig Anderson** (Yam), followed by **Cameron Taylor** (Suz). The 36-year-old Cooper will also contest round four at Wayville, in South Australia, on March 21.

Both **Aaron Slight** and his Castrol Honda teammate **Colin Edwards II** lapped under the superbike lap record during a private Honda test at Eastern Creek in Sydney, Australia, March 12-13. Slight lapped at 1:31.41, almost two seconds quicker than the existing superbike record held by Australian Troy Bayliss. "With the start of the championship a little more than a week away, it was important that I was on pace, and I'm very happy with my best time," Slight said. "This test at Eastern Creek was an important one for tires. We can now go to next week's opening round confident with the Michelins we have available." Edwards, meanwhile, lapped at 1:32.201 in his first visit to the 2.44-mile circuit. "I'm happy with the progress we've made during preseason testing," Edwards said. "We've got one more test at Phillip Island next Wednesday, and that should leave me fully prepared and ready for some race action."

It's true - Cannondale to make motorcycles

Cannondale - a well-renowned bicycle company based in Connecticut - will manufacture and sell Cannondale off-road motorcycles, with the first model scheduled to be released this spring, according to Cannondale.

Although details of the project are sketchy at best, Cannondale will reportedly use Swedish-made Folan engines and the bike will be a high-end 400cc four-stroke. Former AMA 250cc Grand Prix racer Chris D'Aluisio is known to be the designer of the new bike, along with former motocross racer Mike Guerra. A press release issued by Cannondale didn't offer much in the way of details.

"We'll be bringing considerable innovation to at least three different areas of motorcycle design," said Cannondale founder and president Joe Montgomery. "We'd love to discuss the new motorcycle in detail, but all we can really say at this point is that we're incredibly excited, and we can't wait until the unveiling this spring."

Cannondale already has a solid reputation for innovation and the company has won several awards based on its bicycle designs. Cannondale makes all of its bicycle frames in its two Pennsylvania factories and sells its bikes in more than 60 countries around the world. CN

HyperCycle DQd from Daytona

HyperCycle Suzuki's Jason Pridmore and Nicky Hayden were disqualified from their first- and second-place finishes in the AMA Teamline 750cc Supersport final at Daytona International Speedway on March 6 for equipment violations.

The AMA confiscated the HyperCycle Suzuki GSXR750 cases after the race and took them back to Ohio for further measuring. Upon closer inspection they found the upper cylinder-case halves to have had metal removed from the base-gasket surface, and the pair were officially notified and disqualified on Tuesday, March 10, according to AMA road race manager Ron Barrick.

In addition to the fact that the riders lose their championship points and purse money, the Carry Andrew-owned team was fined $4000 per bike for a total of $8000.

"It's the first time we've fined a team before, but last year HyperCycle had equipment disqualifications with Mark Miller, yet they still continue to play games," Barrick said.

No one suffers more from the disqualification than Pridmore. The defending 750cc Supersport Champion won the opening round of the series in Phoenix and also the second round in Daytona, yet he now trails new Daytona race winner Richard Alexander Jr. by 29 points as he tries to defend his title. Hayden, who suffered a mechanical nonfinish in Phoenix, now has zero points to show for his efforts.

"I think it's a shame, really," Pridmore said. "I just hope people can look at my past record. I've been on both sides of the fence. I've been a privateer, where you think that others may be getting away with things and that sometimes the rules are bent towards the factory teams. If something in my bike is illegal, then I want to be disqualified. I was the first one to call Rich (Alexander Jr.) and congratulate him. I just hope this doesn't give me a black eye, or hurt the Pridmore name, because this is not what we're about. There's nothing I can do. I'll just go out and hope it's legal the next time. I also hope this isn't a bad reflection on Suzuki, because it's only one person who did this."

In addition to his disqualification, Pridmore's Daytona was also hampered by his crash in the Daytona 200 - a crash that left him with a cracked navicular bone in his wrist and a broken collarbone.

"I broke my wrist and my collarbone, and lost $10,000 all in one week - but I'm just going to put it behind me and go on. I've got a championship I still want to try and win."

According to Barrick, Pridmore's bike was more severely modified than Hayden's, though both were found to be illegal.

"We're still considering our options," team owner and engine builder Andrew said on Sunday, March 15. "Basically, we disagree with the AMA on a number of issues and plan to appeal it." CN

Former AMA Supercross and National Motocross Champion **Donnie Hansen** will conduct motocross schools at the Hardrock Cycle Park in Ocala, Florida, April 3-4, and at Muddy Creek in Blountville, Tennessee, April 6-7. For more information, call 719/495-2624.

The Bostrom brothers, Ben and Eric, will be the featured guests at Sport Bike Night at In Cahoots in Sacramento, California, on Monday, March 30, from 7 to 10 p.m. For more information, call 916/373-1557.

AMA 750cc Supersport Champion **Jason Pridmore** hopes to be back in action for the next round of the AMA/MBNA Superbike Series at Laguna Seca in Monterey, California, April 17-19, despite having a cracked wrist and broken collarbone. Pridmore, who crashed on the opening lap of the Daytona 200 on March 8, visited with noted surgeon Dr. Arthur Ting after Daytona but his injuries didn't require surgery. "I'm in a sling and a cast," Pridmore said, "and I'm hoping to be back for Laguna." To add insult to injury, Pridmore was recently disqualified from his victory in the 750cc Supersport final at Daytona (see Wind box above).

Former World Superbike Champion **Troy Corser** was finally back on pace during a two-day Ducati test at Misano on March 11 and 12. The Australian lapped close to John Kocinski's lap record at the Italian track, ripping off a 1:34.296 on qualifying tires. Corser's teammates **Carl Fogarty** and **Pier-Francesco Chili** also went well, with Fogarty turning in a 1:34.60 while Chili lapped at 1:35.30.

Kawasaki Team Green is offering pit support for the Tonopah 300, scheduled for April 18 in Nevada. The price is $195 and space is limited. For more information, call 714/770-0400, ext. 2222.

As if crashing out of the Daytona 200 wasn't bad enough, Yamaha's **Rich Oliver** returned to the garage area at Daytona International Speedway to find that two sets of his racing leathers had been stolen. One set is his most recent factory Yamaha leathers and the other is a set of Team Oliver Yamaha leathers. Oliver would like to have the leathers back and is offering a reward for their return. Any information can be forwarded to Yamaha at 714/761-7511.

The **National Geographic** television show - featuring **Lyle Lovett, Malcolm Smith** and **Scot Harden** riding KTMs through Chile - will air on Sunday, March 29 at 7 p.m. on TBS.

Speedvision is gearing up for its same-day television coverage of the World Superbike and World Championship Road Racing Series. The shows begin with the opening round of the World Superbike Series from Phillip Island, Australia, on March 22, with the race scheduled to air at 10 p.m. (Eastern). On April 5, the first of the 500cc GPs will air, with the Japanese Grand Prix scheduled to be shown at 2 p.m. (Eastern). *Cycle News* contributor Dennis Noyes will do the play-by-play for the GP Series with color commentator Toby Moody and pit reporter Randy Mamola. Host Keith Huewan and analyst Julian Ryder will lead the World Superbike coverage.

Meanwhile, on the **AMA/MBNA Superbike Series** front, Speedvision will air the Laguna Seca round live, beginning at 5 p.m. (Eastern). Ten of the AMA Superbike rounds will be aired **live.**

The San Diego Antique Motorcycle Club's **"Motorcycles in the Park Show"** will be held at the San Diego (California) Automotive Museum from March 28 through April 5. More than 100 motorcycles will be on display in the museum. For more information, call 619/231-1636.

According to a press release issued by **F&S Kawasaki/Suzuki,** motocrosser **Tony Lorusso** has been fired by the team for what it calls breach of contract. According to the release, F&S is reviewing resumes to replace Lorusso in the next few weeks.

AUTOGRAPH SIGNING: At Trackstar Motorsports in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on March 20 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Team Yamaha's Kevin Windham, Doug Henry and John Dowd are scheduled to appear. For more information, call 612/729-9391.

CANCELED: The March 8 opening round of the AMA U.S. Eastern Motocross Spring Series, scheduled for Devils Ridge in Sanford, North Carolina, due to severe weather. The race has been rescheduled for April 5. For more information, call 804/724-4392.

OPENED: Motocross racer Justin Buckelew's home page on the World Wide Web. The site can be found at the following address: http://www.justrace.com.

AUTOGRAPH SIGNING: At Midwest Motorsports in Hartford, Illinois, on March 27 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Team Yamaha's Kevin Windham, John Dowd and Doug Henry are scheduled to appear. For more information, call 618/251-3902.

AUTOGRAPH SIGNING: At Carrollton Kawasaki Motorsports in Carrollton, Texas, on April 24 from 7 to 8 p.m. Team Kawasaki's Jeff Emig, Damon Huffman and Ryan Hughes, and Team SplitFire/ProCircuit's Ricky Carmichael, Casey Johnson, Nic Wey and Nathan Ramsey are scheduled to appear. For more information, call 912/418-6565.

AUTOGRAPH SESSION: At Thousand Oaks Honda HRC Suzuki in Thousand Oaks, California, on May 7. Three-time AMA Superbike Champion Reg Pridmore and his championship-winning son Jason are scheduled to appear. For more information, call 805/371-3000.

OPENED: Motorcycle Tips and Tricks' home page on the World Wide Web. The site can be found at: http://www.axionet.com/mototips.

OPENED: Willow Springs Motorcycle Club's home page. The site can be found at the following address: http://www.members.aol.com/racewsmc.

BORN: A baby girl, Perri Lee, to Baltimore County Trail Riders president Brett Friedel and his wife, Pasha, on March 2.

AUTOGRAPH SIGNING: At J&W Cycles in Washington, Missouri, on March 27 from 7 to 8 p.m. Team Kawasaki's Jeff Emig, Damon Huffman and Ryan Hughes and Team SplitFire/ProCircuit's Ricky Carmichael, Casey Johnson, Nic Wey and Nathan Ramsey are scheduled to appear. For more information, call 314/239-5575.

HIRED: Bobbie Carlson, state coordinator for the Motorcycle Safety Program in Millersville, Pennsylvania, by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation, as senior manager, effective May 1.

AUTOGRAPH SIGNING: At St. Louis Power Sports in Valley Park, Missouri, on March 27 from 6 to 7 p.m. Members of Team Suzuki's motocross team are scheduled to appear. For more information, call 314/225-5600.

HIRED: Gary LaPlante, as marketing manager of White Brothers, by White Brothers president Tom White, effective immediately.

RETIRED: George G. Grauwels, after 33-plus years with American Honda Motor Co. Inc. Grauwels started in Honda's Parts Division before transferring to the Motorcycle Division. During his motorcycle career, Grauwels' assignments included technical training instructor, press coordinator and, more recently, district service manager. Grauwels plans to spend his retirement on a farm in Wisconsin.

CORRECTION: Team Extreme Off-Road rider Matt Pursley (Hus) won the Open A class at the opening round of the Grand National Cross Country Series at Okeechobee, Florida, March 3. CN

FIM alters Speedway GP format

The FIM has elected to abandon the 16-rider, points-style World Speedway Grand Prix format that it has used with success over the past three years in favor of a new elimination system that will utilize 24 riders.

"Times are changing. The FIM is changing," FIM president Francesco Zerbi said in a letter to all concerned parties, explaining the format change. "The speedway sport and the Grand Prix Series in particular must adapt itself well. This is why we have produced a new race formula that we believe will help the sport to move forward, will enable TV companies to attract new audiences, will bring more TV networks into speedway, while offering at the same time more opportunities to riders each season and, of course, the possibility for each staging country to include more local stars than before."

Under the new system, the first round will be the qualifying round for all but the top eight seeded GP riders. The 16 riders will race twice, with eight advancing to round two and eight riders dropping out of the program. In round two, the top eight seeds and the eight qualified riders from round one will meet, with each rider again getting two rides. The top eight from this round will divided and sent to two semifinals, with the top two finishers in each advancing to "The Big Final," while the bottom two in each take part in the "Consolation Final."

The new format has met with a mixed response among the top riders in the series, such as reigning World Champion Greg Hancock.

"On the one side, the FIM and the TV people feel that it's time for this change because, as they say it, our program is not appealing and is difficult to understand," Hancock said. "I can see why they want more riders in it, and a 24-rider system could be worked in, but I think that this system is going to be more difficult to understand than the old system. I just don't understand how the TV people, who were originally telling us that this was such a great product, are now telling us that it won't fly without these changes.

"With the new system, there will be more wild-card riders," Hancock continued. "That means that they can choose whoever they want to bring in there. It has created controversy among the guys who already qualified. And with the new program, the top eight guys don't even ride the first round. The bottom 16 get to have two rides to get their bikes dialed in while we sit there and watch them and then jump out on the track cold turkey in the second round. That won't help us any.

"Nobody seems to want to promote the sport. I think that we (Hancock and teammate Billy Hamill) have done a pretty good job of that (with Exide), but nobody has followed suit, and it's frustrating. We need to try and capitalize on what we have, not change it." CN

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VOICES
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Adventure bike wanted

I read the March 11 issue of *Cycle News* (Issue #9) with great interest, as usual, especially in regard to the "Project 2000" update on the new streetbike-based dirt trackers.

My question is: Why not an adventure bike based on the Suzuki TL1000 or the Honda VTR1000 V-twins?

If you look at the C&J-framed F&S Suzuki, it doesn't take too much to picture it with a bigger gas tank, two-into-one high pipe, decent suspension travel, the bash plate from hell, a 375-400-pound weight target and the features needed to explore dirt roads and have fun (wheelies, power slides, etc.). I'll bet that the thing would kick butt on pavement, too.

I figure we've got enough cruisers and crotch rockets, but a better selection of non-overweight, non-foo-foo plastic-covered adventure bikes would be great.

Jim Bellach
Kerman, CA

No dirt track?

I am a subscriber who will let his subscription expire because of the lack of coverage in *Cycle News* on Grand National Dirt Track racing. I've had enough of motocross (don't misunderstand me, motocross has its place in your paper) because that's all you see to cover.

You have had many articles/interviews with retired motocrossers - where are the dirt tracker interviews? If this sport is to see a revival, we need to give it the coverage it deserves. There is no more exciting racing than dirt track.

I'm an avid race fan who feels your paper is losing touch with many mature readers who love this type of racing. Keep the motocross and all other forms of motorcycling in your paper, but don't be so skimpy on your flat-track coverage. Hey, we're out here and we just want our sport to get the coverage it deserves.

I hope I haven't been too harsh, but there are many of us who feel this way. Don't lose your reader base by neglecting an important part.

Carl Skaggs
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In looking at our Issue #10 (March 18), the breakdown on event coverage is as follows: road racing (10 pages), dirt track (13 pages), motocross (7 pages), off-road racing (7 pages), vintage racing (6 pages), drag racing (1 page), trials (1 page). If you can find better balance someplace else, please let me know. I'd love a subscription... Editor.

To hell with him?

In regard to Mr. Virgilio's letter in *Cycle News* (Issue #10, March 18), to hell with him. I have been a Jeremy McGrath fan since he turned Pro and in no way did I ever "jump ship." Mr. Virgilios is wrong if he thinks all fans cheer only for the winners. And as far as being a Jeff Emig fan, that's his downfall - not mine.

A lot of people thought that Jeremy was washed up last year. Did they even take into consideration that he had inadequate time on a new bike before the series opener in Los Angeles? Or the fact that the clutch on his bike was as good as a one-legged man in a kicking contest? Or how about the fact that the bike was constantly going through changes all year in setup and engine mods?

I also think it's really interesting that Suzuki has radically changed the RM250 this year and are bragging about it like it was their idea. Do you suppose input from Jeremy had anything to do with it?

I would like to say that I will be a McGrath fan until the day I die and the fact that he has broken all supercross records - which I don't see Emig doing - is in no way an influence on my feelings.

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Golf for a cause

For the past two years, my Daytona Bike Week has consisted of a very limited schedule because of work. Believe me, I'm not complaining. I feel happy just to be able to spend two days down there. But the highlight of my Bike Week, for the past two years, has been being able to participate in the charity golf tournament for the Clayton Foundation.

This year was no exception.

For those who don't know, the Clayton Foundation was set up to assist injured motorcycle racers with some financial support. This is an organization that needs to be supported by the fans of motorcycle racing, in every way possible. Think about the vast enjoyment you get from watching your favorite racer do his job. These men and women are simply incredible. When it goes right, it is a thing of beauty. When it goes wrong, it is horrendous.

What can we do to help our heroes on two wheels? Support the Clayton Foundation. One way we can do that is to come to the golf tournament either as a spectator or a participant. Think of it: You can say that you played golf with (and possibly beat) people like Chris Carr, Scott Parker, Colin Edwards II and many other riders. Or you could be in the gallery as these folks play with some of their fans.

All the while, the proceeds from this event go to help racers who have been injured. Last year's event was great. This year's event was even better. Personally, I can't wait for next year.

I may not get to go to all of Bike Week, but I'll be there on that Tuesday, riding in a cart, chasing that little white ball around a beautiful golf course with some of the people who make my life more enjoyable. Make sure to mark your calendars for next year. And keep an eye on *Cycle News* for details about this tournament. It's a blast and a half. See you there next year.

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Not to rub it in, but this year's tournament was won with predictable ease by the foursome of Mat Mladin, Colin Edwards II, Chris Carr and Paul Carruthers. The team will have to be broken up next year in order to give Jason Pridmore a chance, so remember to mark your calendars to participate in next year's tournament... Editor.

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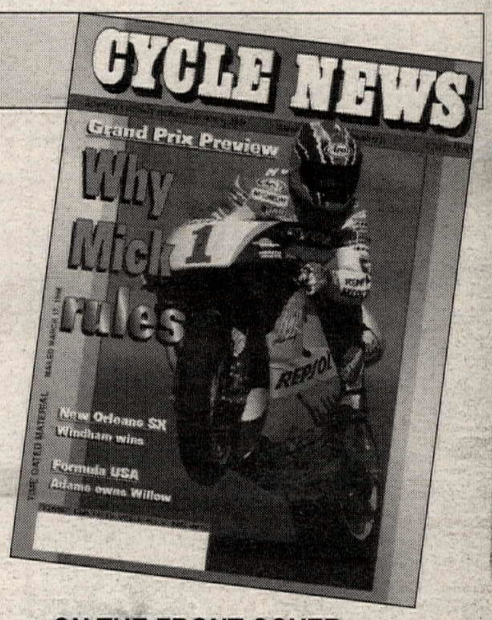

ON THE FRONT COVER

Four-time World Champion Mick Doohan will be the man to beat in the 500cc World Championship when the series begins in Suzuka, Japan on April 5. Photo by Lou Martin.

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Take a number

Seven thousand. That's the number of genuine orders - all unsolicited - that Cagiva reports it has received for the first 200 handmade, individually numbered, limited-production versions of the MV Agusta F4 launched at the Milan Show last September.

The Massimo Tamburini-designed ultrashort-stroke fuel-injected four-cylinder dream bike is by a large margin the hottest ticket ever on two wheels, with guaranteed places in the customer line already being advertised in Italian daily newspapers for up to 250 million lire (around $150,000) - a healthy premium over the retail selling price of 70 million lire.

The combination of the legendary Italian marque's history and charisma coupled with Tamburini's stunning styling has created the ultimate two-wheeled wish object - and left 6800 hungry customers disappointed.

However, with production of the 200 limited-edition F4s due to start in April (and road testing of the final preproduction version already under way), those unlucky in the allocation of the first batch of bikes (due out in August) can start thinking about putting their names down for the volume-production version of the F4. Manufacture of this is due to commence in Cagiva's new Cassinetta plant (formerly occupied by Whirlpool) in October, to essentially the same specifications as the first 200, with an annual production volume of 10,000 to 12,000 four-cylinder bikes of all models targeted by 2001.

Prices for these second-series bikes (which will still bear the MV Agusta badge) will not, however, be nearly as expensive as rumors suggest, or as much as Cagiva could probably charge: 35 million lire is the projected retail tag in Italy - exactly half the amount asked for the first 200.

At this price, the F4 will represent a serious commercial rival to the Ducati 916 - and that's exactly what Cagiva boss Claudio Castiglioni intends it should be, even if he is (notionally, at any rate) the largest single shareholder in Ducati and still the company chairman. Adding interest to this fact is that, after having sold 51 percent of Ducati stock to American finance house TPG and its merchant bank, Deutsche Morgen Grenfell, the Italian daily newspaper *Il Sole - 24 Ore* has claimed in print that Castiglioni has formally activated his option to reacquire 2 percent of the Ducati shares when the company is floated on the New York Stock Exchange at the end of this year - a rumor the Cagiva boss refuses to confirm or deny. If that turns out to be the case, Ducati would once again be under Cagiva control - albeit as a public company rather than a private one.

There's no doubt that the success of the F4 is the fuel of Cagiva's corporate revival, prompting the 50 billion lire ($30 million) line of credit raised by the Italian finance house Mediocredito to underwrite the company's revival.

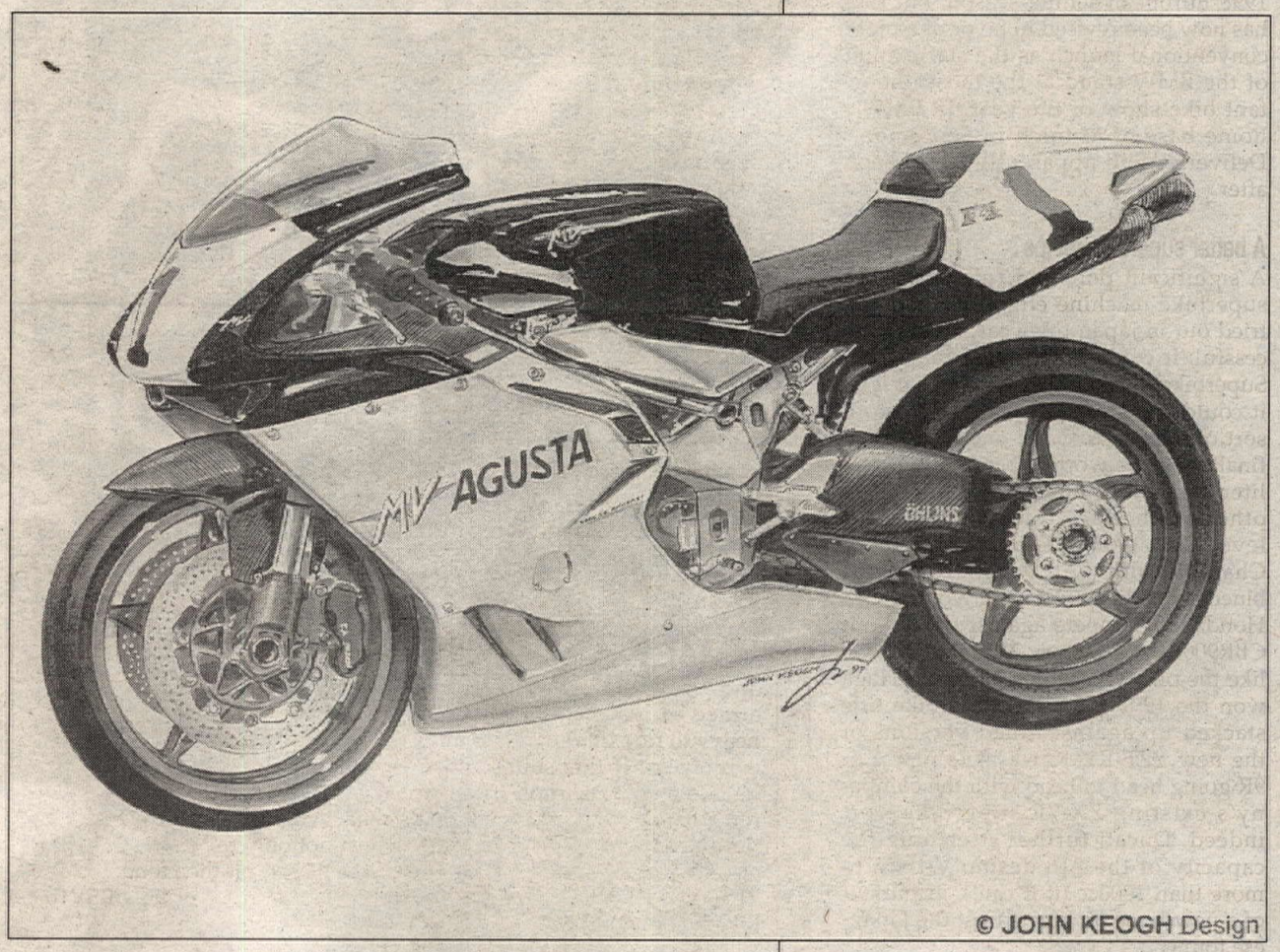
The fortunes of Cagiva's motorcycle operations took a nose dive in the past three years as resources were diverted to other parts of the Castiglioni family's stricken empire, including Ducati. Cash turnover plummeted from 641 billion lire in 1995 to 70 billion lire in 1997, when total production was just 8000 bikes. Now, with CZ disposed of and Ducati spun off separately, Cagiva is on the upswing, with a projected 1998 turnover of 219 billion lire, based on a production volume of 32,000 bikes.

But that's not all: So far, Cagiva's new MV hyperbike has sold out 35 times over only because of its looks and the prestige and tradition of the MV Agusta name, all without turning a wheel in public. Castiglioni plans to flesh out the bike's image with sporting success, though, beginning in 1999, when Cagiva's newly appointed North American importers will race an MV Agusta team in the AMA Superbike Championship.

Its name? Fast By Ferracci, the legendary Pennsylvania-based tuning house run by Eraldo Ferracci and his son Larry, who put Ducati on the U.S. superbike map and took Doug Polen to the World Superbike title in 1991. Ferracci has, however, been replaced as Ducati's lead team in U.S. racing this season by the Vance & Hines operation starring Anthony Gobert - against whom Mike Hale is campaigning an FBF Ducati for the last time in 1998.

Eraldo Ferracci has long been close to the Castiglioni family, and his son Larry has built the Fast By Ferracci operation into a serious business. Their choice as Cagiva's new U.S. importers makes a lot of sense - especially when you consider that Cagiva's factory race team was disbanded after the marque pulled out of 500cc GP racing in 1994. So Cagiva will be depending on Ferracci to act as the factory R&D race operation in 1999, to hone the F4 into a superbike contender in U.S. races next year, all as preparation for the MV Agusta marque's return to world-level competition in the year 2000.

It's basically the same plan - though with different players - in World Endurance racing, where Ducati's attack on the prestigious Le Mans, Spa-Francorchamps and Bol d'Or 24-Hour races has long been confided to their French importers SIMA, headed by Marcel Seurat. But SIMA has just been dumped by the Ducati factory as part of the TPG-led corporate reorganization, under which the Italian company is focusing on owning its own distribution companies in all of Ducati's key markets. Seurat has retained his Cagiva importership, though, and aside from selling every Husqvarna Varese can build him, he is set to push the MV and Cagiva marques hard and with his customary panache. This will certainly include running the works MV Agusta team in the World Endurance series from 1999 onward, including the high-profile French 24-Hour races.



Cagiva has already received 7000 orders for the first 200 MV Agusta four-cylinder bikes. Not to worry, though - production-line versions will be available later, and at half the price of the first, handmade batch. Fast By Ferracci will campaign MVs in AMA Superbike racing in 1999.

Michelin Man turns 100

With so many milestones being reached by various marques this year (both Honda's and Ducati's 50th birthdays, BMW's 75th, Bimota's 25th, the Norton company's 100th, Harley's 95th, etc.), 1998 looks set to be a party year.

But there's one more birthday boy who has already started his year-long festivities: Mr. Bibendum. Michelin's trademark roly-poly man clocks up his 100th birthday in 1998, in recognition of which the French tire company has created three traveling roadshows in different parts of the world - one each in Europe, Asia and South America - to celebrate the anniversary. The 3000-square-foot European exhibition kicked off at the Brussels Show in January, after which it is scheduled to travel to Italy, Spain, Germany and Hungary before winding up back home in France for a five-month stay at the Cite des Sciences exhibition hall at La Villette in Paris.

For the first time ever, Michelin has dug into its vaults and archives to chronicle the company's role in expanding the horizons of its customers through greater mobility, aided by the convenience and safety of more-dependable tires on two and four wheels alike.

Using Bibendum as the front man, the Michelin Expo aims to trace the development of personal transport over the past 100 years in lighthearted but instructive fashion, using an innovative series of historical displays, audio-visual presentations, technical demonstrations and video games. As usual, it sounds like Bibendum is doing things seriously without taking himself too seriously - the theme of Michelin advertising using the roly-poly man down through the years. Hopefully, the exhibition will see Bibendum making his bike-riding debut aboard one of the new Voxan V-twins, which is produced by the company based (like Michelin) in Clermont - Ferrand, in which the French tire giant is a silent partner!

Super Beemer

After its existence was revealed in these pages several months ago, little has been heard of BMW's new R1100S SportBoxer - until now. "Sneak" photos taken in Spain of one of the preproduction road-test prototypes not only follow the pattern of the German factory's previous history of what appear to be controlled "leaks" aimed at preparing the marketplace for the new bike's arrival, but give a clear idea of its likely specifications.

With its clip-on-type handlebars and twin exhaust silencers tucked, 916-style, up under the seat - let alone the aggressively styled fairing with trademark BMW car-type kidney-shaped dual air intakes under the ellipsoidal-type headlamps - the new R1100S is the most hard-edged Boxer sportbike yet to be built. This is underlined by the uprated chassis design featured on the prototype, to accompany the enhanced performance of the fuel-injected eight-valve engine (redlined at 8500 rpm on the tach of the prototype caught on camera), which is expected to deliver about 100 bhp in production form.

As on the R1200RS "SuperBrick," the Paralever swingarm no longer pivots directly on the engine of the new SportBoxer, but on a separate chassis which also supports the engine, now only a semistressed member rather than fully stressed, all with the intent of delivering a stiffer chassis package.

In spite of the weight penalty this entails, the R1100S looks to have been built with an eye to weight saving, while the Telelever front suspension has also been redesigned. While giving the visual impression of a set of upside-down forks, the Telelever system has been retained, not only with a shock offering greater adjustment than before, but also a much stiffer lower link comprising the "bridge" of the fork. It was originally mooted that BMW would

launch the new sportbike in time for the 1998 European selling season, but that has now been revised in favor of a more conventional launch as the star exhibit of the BMW stand at the most important bike show of the year, in BMW's home base of Munich in September. Deliveries will apparently begin soon after.

A better superbike recipe?

A significant potential rule change to superbike machine eligibility is being tried out in Japan this year, and, if successful, it could be adopted for World Superbike in the year 2000 - and if it is, it could transform the category into a sort of hyperbike class, one that would finally see the world's best-selling one-liter sportbikes lined up against each other on the race track at the world level. The 1998 All-Japan Superbike Championship will be run to a combined set of rules, allowing works RC45 Hondas to compete against tricked-out CBR900RRs, a factory Yamaha YZF750 like the one with which Noriyuki Haga won the 1997 Japanese Superbike title stacked up against tuned versions of the new YZF-R1, Kawasaki's new ZX-9R going head to head with the company's existing ZX-7R superbike - or, indeed, Ducati further stretching the capacity of the 916 desmo V-twin to more than 1000cc (if it can!), in pursuit of a new lease on life against the Japanese fours.

The new rules combine existing FIM Superbike regulations with the successful X-Formula class run in Japan for the past couple of years based at the Suzuka circuit, and have now been adopted nationally.

X-Formula machines have a capacity limit of 800 to 1350cc, with no restrictions of any kind on modification beyond the fact that, as in superbike, the production machine's basic engine castings and external visual silhouette must be unchanged. Until now, the Suzuka Constructors Association (essentially the four Japanese manufacturers plus leading tuning houses) decided on the list of models eligible to compete, but this function has now been taken over by the Japanese motorcycling federation, the MFJ. In practice, though, any street bike bigger than 800cc is eligible - but with no differential capacity limits for twins, triples and fours, as in superbike regulations.

So what's the catch? It stands to reason a good big one is always better than a good little one - so why isn't Honda junking the RC45 in favor of an HRC-developed CBR900RR? Easy, really: X-Formula racing has a claiming rule, in which any bike taking part must be capable of being bought for no more than 3.5 million yen, or about $26,000. However, this hasn't deterred a whole host of Japan's leading tuning houses - including those such as Over/Yamaha and Moriwaki/Honda, traditionally regarded as the back doors to factory race operations - from building bikes to take part. It was Over that proved the compatibility of X-Formula bikes at World Superbike level when its tuned Yamaha YZF1000 finished 13th in last year's Suzuka 8 Hours - against a field stacked out with factory racers.

Similarly, Mamoru Moriwaki has already announced he'll be contesting this year's Japanese Superbike Championship under X-Formula rules with his Moriwaki VTR1000 V-twin, which under superbike rules isn't allowed to run the fuel-injection package he's developed for the bike (and is selling on an aftermarket basis), whereas in X-Formula this is permitted, and even welcomed.

There's no doubt that all parties concerned will be closely watching the Japanese superbike series this year to see how the expanded category of admissible bikes works out. The manufacturers are eager to have a world-class arena in which to race and promote their best-selling large-capacity sportbikes, as well as a means of race-testing performance modifications to them - while still going for championship success on their smaller-engined four-stroke GP racers, on which no claiming rule will apply.

Promoters will like the variety, as well as the full grids the extra dimension is certain to ensure. And FIM boss Francesco Zerbi, who would like to have a greater differentiation between Grand Prix and World Superbike racing, should welcome the closer emphasis on superbike's street roots that he has gone on record as pushing for.

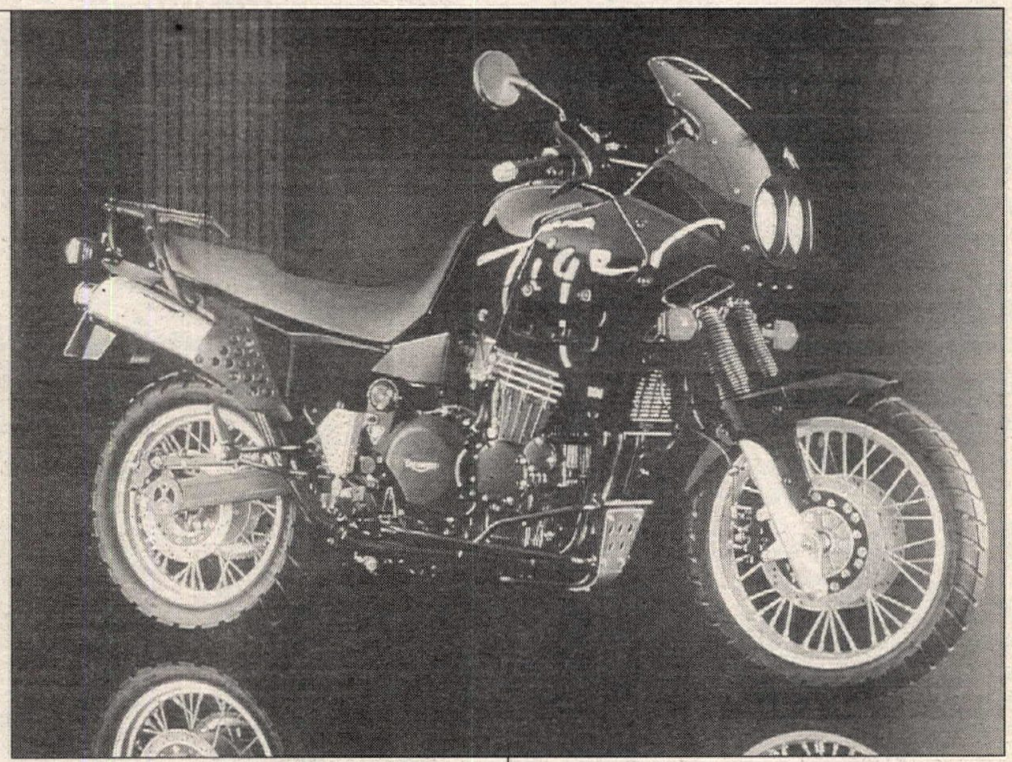
However, the biggest potential beneficiary stands to be Joe Public, able to watch the bike he rode to the race on stack up against its class rivals out on the track. With liter-class sportbikes comfortably outpowering their 750cc kid sisters in the sales charts, this looks like the way to go - if the dry run that this year's Japanese series represents proves successful. CN

Tiger gets new stripes

The imminent sales launch of the Ducati 900SS-powered Cagiva Grand Canyon in Europe, a much more tarmac-focused version of the Elefant enduro, is set to draw a swift response from another European manufacturer - this time with a three-cylinder motor rather than a twin.

Yes, of course - it's Triumph, which, alongside the so-called "TFR" fuel-injected sport tourer developed to compete with the new Honda VFR800 and the new Ducati ST4, is working hard on one other major new 1999 model - an all-new version of the 885cc Tiger dual sport.

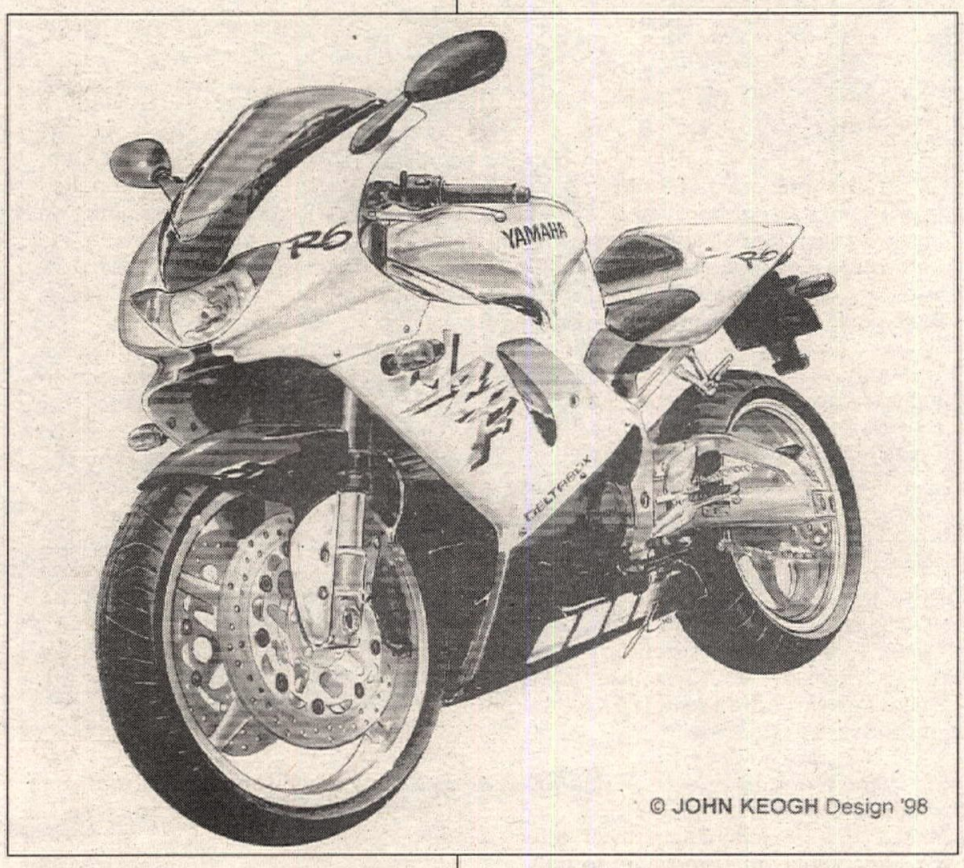
In recognition of the fact that precious few Tigers are ever seen to prowl off-road, Triumph is understood to be making the new bike almost completely tarmac-oriented, with only nominal off-road potential. This means a lower seat height, an inverted fork, uprated brakes and tires, and less-bulky styling aimed at making it feel less top-heavy to ride in traffic than the bike it replaces. If this sounds like the long-awaited Triumph triple street rod, there's a good chance that's what will be unveiled in Munich this autumn, putting the new Tiger heads-up against not only the less-sporty Grand Canyon but also the rumored new super dual sports based on the Honda VTR1000 and Suzuki TL1000, as well as (perhaps most exciting of all) Aprilia's RSV1000-derived trail bike, understood to be due in the year 2000.



Triumph's current "dual sport" Tiger, shown here, is evidently in line for a redesign to make it more street-oriented.

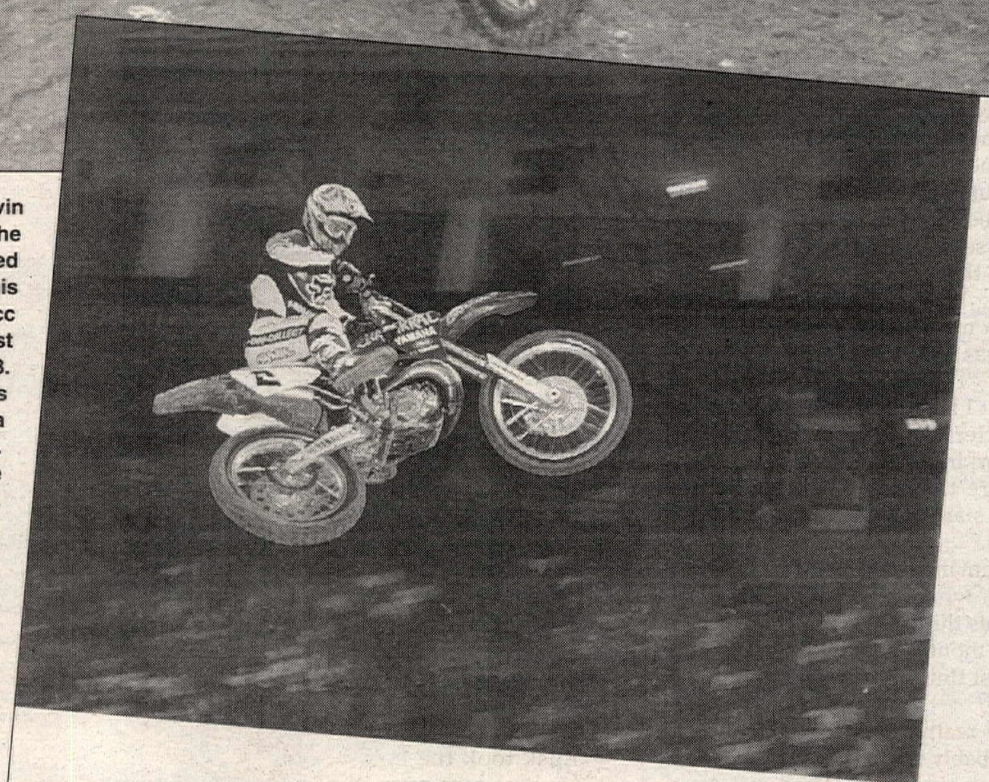
R6 set to come first?

With Honda now confirmed as launching an all-new fuel-injected CBR600 at the Munich Show this fall, word comes from more than one source in Europe and Japan that this has caused Yamaha to rethink its new-model strategy in the wake of the arrival in the marketplace of the best-selling R1. Contrary to the original plan of introducing the so-called R2 750cc fuel-injected supersport bike based on the R1 in 1999, with the all-new R6 600cc version to follow a year later, Yamaha is understood to have reversed this decision for commercial purposes. This would see the R6 debut in a dead heat with its Honda rival by making its debut at Munich this September. It is not known at this stage if the R6 will also be fuel-injected, but with Honda raising the 600cc supersport stakes in this way, it seems unlikely Yamaha will be able to avoid playing a matching suit. In theory, this means that the R2 will now be launched at either Paris or Milan in September 1999 - but another source insists that Yamaha may well be thinking of canning the R2 project entirely. The 750cc Sportbike class increasingly only exists as a means of homologating superbike contenders, and if the eligibility rules for superbike racing are reshaped (see accompanying item), Yamaha may decide to focus all its efforts on the 600cc and 1000cc versions of its leading-edge four-cylinder sportbike family. The extra year's breathing space before this tough decision must be made, obtained by bumping the R6 up to the top of the launch queue, was probably another factor in the decision - but one guy who won't be pleased at the news is Scott Russell, widely believed to have hung around for another season of vintage superbiking with Yamaha only because the R2 was supposed to be on the horizon in 1999. Well, now it seems it won't be.



Apparently after hearing news of an all-new CBR600, Yamaha has evidently decided to bring out the so-called R6, its very own all-new 600cc supersport contender for 1999, instead of the 750cc version. Time will tell.

Cajun cooking



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One might think that being touted all week long in radio advertisements as the favorite to win the Louisiana Supercross and receiving top billing in the opening ceremonies could make a 20-year old local racer a little nervous, but Team Yamaha's Baton Rouge-bred Kevin Windham overcame the pressure and pageantry to win the Louisiana Supercross in front of 36,815 fans.

Windham's night was as near to perfect as one can get, as he won his heat race in a great battle with friend and ex-teammate Ezra Lusk and then came out to get the holeshot in and lead all 20 laps of the main event for the popular win - even with the four-time champ, Jeremy McGrath, breathing down his neck during the middle stages of the race. Windham was up to the challenging track conditions that sent many of the top riders to the floor on numerous occasions. It was his second career 250cc supercross win; the other one came in Charlotte last year when he was still a 125cc contender.

"This is great," Windham said from the Yamaha transporter. "I've been working so hard, and for everything to come together at such a great place with everybody around - it just feels great. I'm definitely on top of the world right now.

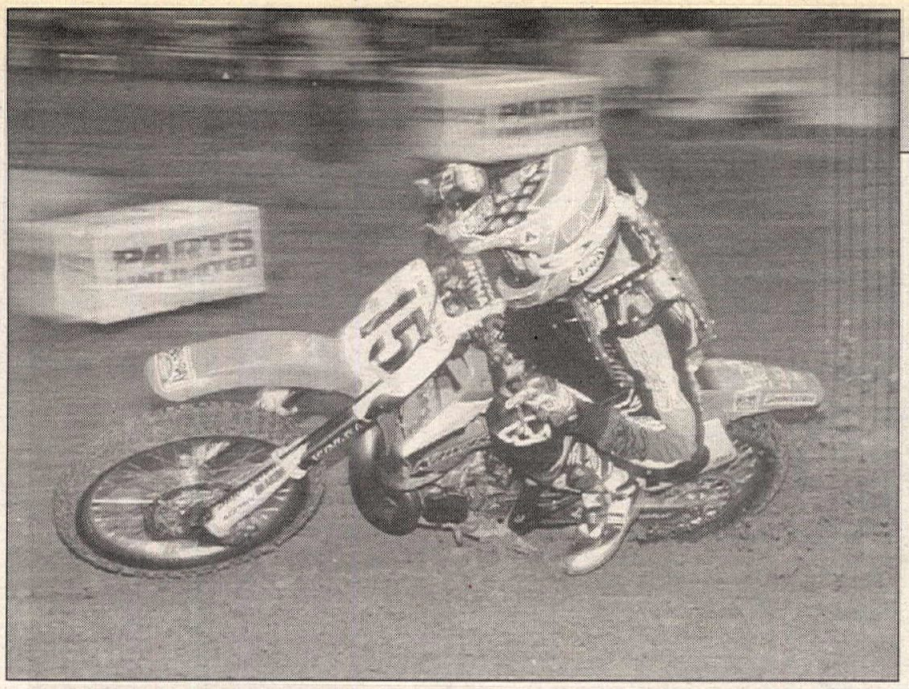
(Above) Local boy Kevin Windham's (8) holeshot in the main on his Alley Semar-tuned YZ250 propelled him to his second career 250cc Supercross victory and his first of 1998.
(Right) Jeremy McGrath was fighting a head cold but rode a steady race to claim second. McGrath has a solid lead in the points race over Windham, 224-168.

"I didn't feel much pressure in the main - I think I rode a perfect race," Windham continued. "The crowd was helping me for sure, and the bike was working great. Everybody says this was a really hard track and I felt like I came through good. My trainer, Gary Semics, and I have been working really hard and I feel great. For a while there, I was getting all nervous being the hometown boy, but I settled down and used it to my advantage, which is about the only thing you can do. This is, by far, the best win of my career."

The series points leader, McGrath, was fighting a cold, but still came through the field very early in the main after about a seventh-place start to finish a solid second. By the fifth lap, McGrath was into second but simply could not catch the fleeing Windham on *his* night.

"I rode a smart and conservative race," McGrath said. "I've been dealing with a head cold all week. I thought I'd be fine for the race, but on about the 10th lap I got zapped of most of my energy. It was pretty hot and humid in there. After about the 10th lap, I settled in and kept a good pace and just rode smart rather than trying to be a hero. My lap times were very consistent for me; they were a little slower than Kevin's, but hey, that's all right - it's a good race for Kevin and a good boost, being his home race. It was nothing special, just getting points. I need to get healed up and find some energy for next week, and I'll be ready."

Team Kawasaki's Damon Huffman turned in his best ride of the season thus far to earn his first podium finish of the year. Huffman got to the main by winning his semi, got a good start in the main, and battled with several riders before claiming third at the checkers.



(Left) Team Kawasaki's Damon Huffman hunkered down and took third in the main. (Below) Team Honda's Ezra Lusk (3) took the holeshot over Windham in their heat race, but Windham set the tone for the evening by passing him and pulling away to victory. (Right) Mike LaRocco (5) rode very well after another bad start and finished fourth.

"I've got fifth a few times this year but never on the podium, and it feels great," a smiling Huffman said. "I had a good gate in the main and got a really good start. I rode strong the whole time and a couple of guys moved back, so it worked out. Pichon started holding me up and I was like, 'I need to get by him.' Then Ward was in front of me and he went down and I got third. Everyone at Kawasaki has been like, 'What's wrong? Come on, come on.' I don't know. It really hasn't been my physical condition; I've been really healthy all year. For me, I think it all boils down to getting a good start. Coming from behind just doesn't cut it."

Mike LaRocco rode his Team Factory Connection/Jack in the Box/O'Neal Honda to fourth overall after coming around the scoring tower in 14th at the end of the first lap, and he knows good starts are all that he needs to run up front.

"Huffman got a really good start by accident," LaRocco explained. "He lurched one time and then he pulled back and lurched again right when the gate fell and just nailed it and kind of moved over on me right away. It seems like it's always something, but I ended up in the back again. Then Yogi slid out in the second turn and I ended up running into him, so I started way back and I just climbed like I've been forced to do most of the season.

"Lately, these last three weeks, I've been feeling really good about my riding - I think my speed is coming back to where it was in '94 and '95," LaRocco continued. "I almost had Huffman at the end, but I had a lull in the middle of the race after I got by Henry. Everything is working good, the bike and the team. We're there; I just need to get across that starting gate and into a better position."

Team Yamaha rider Doug Henry finished fifth, which was by far his best ride since his third-place finish in Seattle nearly two months ago. Other than that, Henry's best finish has been a ninth this season.

"I didn't really get off to that good of a start, probably midpack or so," Henry said. "I just kind of worked my way through. I knew this track was going to be tough, so I just tried to stay consistent the whole time. I was pretty happy because my lap times were consistent from beginning to end, so it was a good night. I can work with a top-five finish."

Henry's teammate John Dowd turned in his best 250cc Supercross performance this year, taking sixth ahead of Team Suzuki's Larry Ward, who had a solid hold on third for most of the race until tipping over in a corner with two laps to go. Team Suzuki's Mickael Pichon raced to eighth, Team Honda of Troy's Mike Craig finished ninth, and Team Honda's Ezra Lusk rounded out the top 10 after a slew of mishaps and crashes in the main event.

Defending series champ Jeff Emig rode his factory Kawasaki to 11th overall after a series of mishaps before the main event even started. Emig was forced to race in the last-chance qualifier after tangling with Henry in his heat and going over the handlebars in a violent crash in his semi while trying to qualify. Emig won the LCQ, but by then his wrists and back had taken too much of a beating from the crashes and rough track.

Team Honda's Steve Lamson finished 12th, followed by Team Honda of Troy's Mike Brown, Tecate/Thor/Kawasaki of Mexico's Phil Lawrence, Two Wheel Kawasaki/MSR/Pirelli-backed Jean-Sebastien Roy, Kawasaki's Ryan Hughes, Tom Morgan Racing/Dunlop/JT-backed Ryan Terlecki, Honda of Troy's Stephane Roncada, Airdrie Motorsports/FMF/Smith-sponsored Jason Frenette and Kames Sports/One/Sinisalo's Mike Katin Jr.

As for the points battle, McGrath still has a very comfortable 56-point lead over Windham, 224-168. Lusk dropped from second to third in the standings and now has 157, trailed by Emig (146) and LaRocco (144).

HEATS

Lusk took the holeshot in the first 250cc heat race over Windham, Craig, Lawrence, Hughes and LaRocco. By the middle of the first lap, Windham had stolen the lead and was trying to pull away. Lusk fought valiantly as the two battled nearly side by side at times during the first half of the race, often banging bars, but Windham eventually eased away to win with a comfortable margin over Lusk.

"Ezra has run me into the ground a couple of times this year and I was determined not to let it happen at this race," Windham said. "The adrenaline was incredible and it pulled me through for sure. If I want a win, I sure want it here."

Craig held down third for much of the race until team Suzuki's Greg Albertyn and LaRocco moved up in tandem to challenge him for the position. After Albertyn went down big-time while battling LaRocco, LaRocco moved forward and took third from Craig with a block-pass. Huffman was very close to this duo throughout the race but could not get by Craig to steal away the fourth and final transfer position.

Also going with Huffman to the semi was Lawrence (who placed sixth) and Hughes, who endoed in the whoops on the first lap and could only get back up to eighth.

McGrath snatched the holeshot in the second heat race, with Emig, Ward, Henry, Brown, Pichon, Katin and Dowd in close pursuit. During the first-lap shuffle, McGrath swapped in a rhythm section, handing the lead to Ward, and Henry and Emig ran into each other, with both riders hitting the ground. Henry recovered quickly without stalling his bike, while Emig became mired in the back of the pack.

Up front, McGrath took Ward wide in a corner to take the lead on the third lap, but gave it back a few laps later when he clipped a hay bale at the end of the whoop section and went down. From there on out, Ward cruised to the checkers over the recovered McGrath.

"Too bad that wasn't the main," Ward said. "Jeremy rides very well, and anytime you can finish in front of him, it is quite a privilege."

Roncada, Lamson and Brown all ran toward the front of the field for a few laps until Pichon, Henry and Dowd began their surge toward the final two qualifying positions. Henry made a swooping pass on both Dowd and Roncada to move into sixth, and a lap later Pichon, feeling Henry's heat, made a sweet pass on both Lamson and Brown to take third for good. Henry ended up climbing a few more notches to take fourth, while Dowd, Brown, Lamson, Roy, Emig and the rest went to a semi.

SEMIS

The first semi was all about Huffman. He nailed the holeshot over his teammate Hughes and another Kawasaki manned by Lawrence, and then Huffman rode to the win.

"I need a start like that in the main so I can just cruise," Huffman said. "I need to get mean and I'm mad right now."

Albertyn crashed in the first turn, caught back up, and hounded the lead trio in fourth until he again went over the bars in a big way in the whoops and retired to the LCQ.

Lawrence had moved around Hughes on the first lap and then the two kept in tight formation a few seconds behind Huffman to take second and third a few seconds behind Huffman. Terlecki and Frenette both got nice starts, held a good pace and took the final two transfers in fourth and fifth, respectively.

Emig had the early lead in the second semi over Brown, Dirt Squirt/Race Tech/Motorex's Anthony Amaradio, Dowd and Lamson, but Brown was on the move and took over the lead very early on the first lap. Lamson deposed Emig to take second on the second lap and began to quibble with Brown for the lead, while Dowd and Roncada began to pressure Emig. In a horrific crash, Emig was flung over the bars in the whoops and got up holding his wrist. He would return to ride in the LCQ.

Lamson took Brown's line away by the mechanics' area to steal the lead and race off to the semi win. Dowd and Roncada ran third and fourth for a while, until Dowd closed up the gap and wheelied by Brown in the whoops with just a lap to go. Dowd ended up finishing second. Brown maintained third, Roncada finished fourth, and Roy took the final transfer with a few seconds to spare over Amaradio.

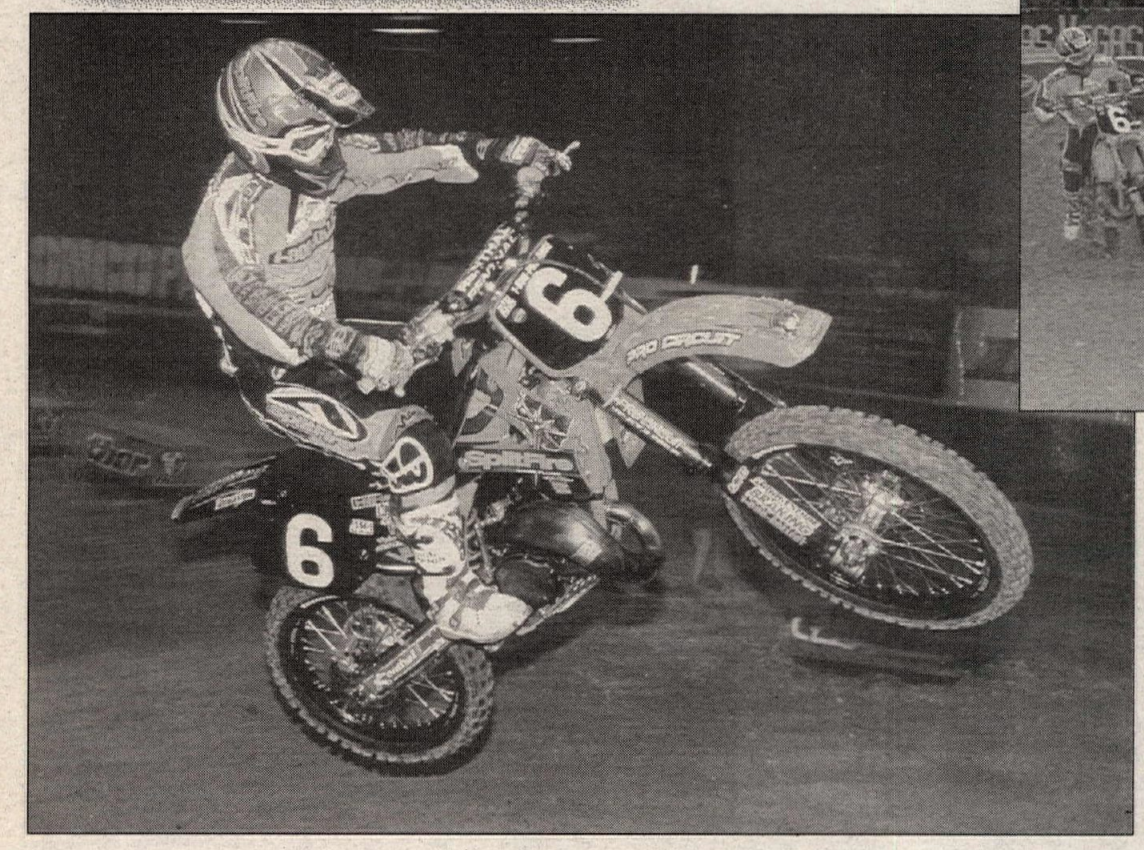
LAST-CHANCE QUALIFIER

Emig was on the far outside and Albertyn was on the extreme inside, making a factory sandwich out of the rest of the racers. Emig swooped over from the outside to snare the holeshot, clipping the front wheels of Katin and Edge Racing/JT/Wiseco-backed Brian Stone. Albertyn got a bad start and immediately pulled off.

"I'm just hurting too bad to be out there," Albertyn said. "I took some time to see how my neck and back felt, but we'll just have to give it another try next week."

Emig took the easy win, but it was obvious that he was feeling the effects of his over-the-bars-excursion from his semi.

"I'm all right," Emig said after the LCQ win. "I'm in a little bit of pain, but it's mostly in my head, especially with the way things have been going lately. We'll see how good of a starter I am from the outside in the main now."



(Left) Ricky Carmichael had to ride his first-ever LCQ, but calmed down and won his fifth straight Eastern Regional 125cc main event. (Above) Jim Neese, maintaining second, battles with Robbie Reynard (21) and Carmichael (6) early in the main event. Reynard followed Carmichael up the ladder to finish second, while Neese finished sixth.

Amaradio had a comfortable hold on the final ticket to the main in second, but he fell over in a corner near the midway point, handing the transfer to Katin.

MAIN EVENT

Windham took the measure of the field going into the first turn of the 20-rider 250cc main event, followed by Huffman, Ward, Pichon, Lusk and Craig. Lusk immediately spun sideways in the second corner, losing numerous positions. McGrath, LaRocco and a few others were slowed by Lusk, but McGrath immediately zapped his way into fourth, trailing Windham, Ward and Pichon after the first-lap jambalaya.

"I was a little late off the gate but still came out of the first turn pretty good," McGrath said. "Ezra was kind of spun-out sideways and I think I hit him."

Emig was way back from his outside starting position, rounding the course in 18th after the first lap. Hughes and Lusk were within the top 10 until Hughes became another victim to the whoops and went over the handlebars, taking Lusk down with him.

Ward pressured Windham for the lead during the first few laps, putting some distance on McGrath. Realizing this, McGrath picked up the pace and began to pressure Ward for second, and eventually executed the pass by the mechanics' area. At about the same time, Lamson and Roncada became victims of the track when they went down in a heap as well.

Behind the top three, a good battle was being waged involving Pichon, Huffman, Henry, LaRocco and eventually Dowd for the fourth through eighth positions. Pichon slowly faded out of the picture, and Huffman moved forward to be in the prime position to take over third when Ward crashed with only two laps to go - another victim to the tricky ruts.

LaRocco held on to fourth after a spirited charge from 14th on the first lap, followed by Henry in fifth, Dowd in sixth, Ward in seventh, Pichon in eighth, Craig in ninth, with Lusk climbing back up to 10th. CN

Superdome
New Orleans, Louisiana
Results: March 14, 1998 (Round 10 of 16)

250 HEAT 1 (8 laps, 1-4 transfer to main): 1. Kevin Windham (Yam); 2. Ezra Lusk (Hon); 3. Mike LaRocco (Hon); 4. Mike Craig (Hon); 5. Damon Huffman (Kaw); 6. Phil Lawrence (Kaw); 7. Ryan Terlecki (Suz); 8. Ryan Hughes (Kaw); 9. Kevin Crine (Kaw); 10. Jason Frenette (Kaw); 11. Brian Stone (Kaw); 12. Jeff Tilton (Yam); 13. Cory Bauder (Yam); 14. Tommy Johansson (Kaw); 15. Chris Craft (Yam); 16. David Dishman (Suz); 17. Jason Dodds (Yam); 18. Brandon Cunningham (Yam); 19. Greg Albertyn (Suz); 20. Darren McElhattan (Yam); 21. Jason Thomas (Kaw).
Time: 7 min., 17.100 sec.

250 HEAT 2 (8 laps, 1-4 transfer to main): 1. Larry Ward (Suz); 2. Jeremy McGrath (Yam); 3. Mickael Pichon (Suz); 4. Doug Henry (Yam); 5. John Dowd (Yam); 6. Mike Brown (Hon); 7. Stephane Roncada (Hon); 8. Steve Lamson (Hon); 9. Jean-Sebastien Roy (Kaw); 10. Jeff Emig (Kaw); 11. Anthony Amaradio (Yam); 12. Billy Binckley (Yam); 13. Mike Katin (Yam); 14. Carey Hart (Kaw); 15. Erik Anderson (Hon); 16. Scott Graves (Yam); 17. Randy Jernigan (KTM); 18. Chris Shellenberger (Kaw); 19. Jeff Hedden (Yam); 20. John Fesler (Suz); 21. William Wilson (Yam).
Time: 7 min., 32.780 sec.

250 SEMI 1 (6 laps, 1-5 transfer to main): 1. Damon Huffman (Kaw); 2. Phil Lawrence (Kaw); 3. Ryan Hughes (Kaw); 4. Ryan Terlecki (Suz); 5. Jason Frenette (Kaw); 6. Cory Bauder (Yam); 7. Brian Stone (Kaw); 8. Tommy Johansson (Kaw); 9. Jeff Tilton (Yam); 10. Chris Craft (Yam); 11. David Dishman (Suz); 12. Jason Dodds (Yam); 13. Brandon Cunningham (Kaw); 14. Darren McElhattan (Yam); 15. Greg Albertyn (Suz); 16. Kevin Crine (Kaw); 17. Jason Thomas (Kaw).
Time: 5 min., 36.160 sec.

250 SEMI 2 (6 laps, 1-5 transfer to main): 1. Steve Lamson (Hon); 2. John Dowd (Yam); 3. Mike Brown (Hon); 4. Stephane Roncada (Hon); 5. Jean-Sebastien Roy (Kaw); 6. Anthony Amaradio (Yam); 7. Mike Katin (Yam); 8. Billy Binckley (Yam); 9. Jeff Hedden (Yam); 10. Scott Graves (Yam); 11. William Wilson (Yam); 12. Carey Hart (Kaw); 13. Randy Jernigan (KTM); 14. Chris Shellenberger (Kaw); 15. Erik Anderson (Hon); 16. Jeff Emig (Kaw); 17. John Fesler (Suz).
Time: 5 min., 39.060.

250 LCQ (6 laps, 1-2 transfer to main): 1. Jeff Emig (Kaw); 2. Mike Katin (Yam); 3. Anthony Amaradio (Yam); 4. Cory Bauder (Yam); 5. Brian Stone (Kaw); 6. Kevin Crine (Kaw); 7. Carey Hart (Kaw); 8. Jeff Hedden (Yam); 9. Billy Binckley (Yam); 10. Tommy Johansson (Kaw); 11. Scott Graves (Yam); 12. Darren McElhattan (Yam); 13. Erik Anderson (Hon); 14. John Fesler (Suz); 15. Chris Craft (Yam); 16. Jeff Tilton (Yam); 17. William Wilson (Yam); 18. Randy Jernigan (KTM); 19. Jason Dodds (Yam); 20. Chris Shellenberger (Kaw); 21. Brandon Cunningham (Kaw); 22. David Dishman (Suz); 23. Greg Albertyn (Suz); 24. Jason Thomas (Kaw).
Time: 5 min., 48.250 sec.

250 MAIN (20 laps): 1. Kevin Windham (Yam); 2. Jeremy McGrath (Yam); 3. Damon Huffman (Kaw); 4. Mike LaRocco (Suz); 5. Doug Henry (Yam); 6. John Dowd (Yam); 7. Larry Ward (Suz); 8. Mickael Pichon (Suz); 9. Mike Craig (Hon); 10. Ezra Lusk (Hon); 11. Jeff Emig (Kaw); 12. Steve Lamson (Hon); 13. Mike Brown (Hon); 14. Phil Lawrence (Kaw); 15. Jean-Sebastien Roy (Kaw); 16. Ryan Hughes (Kaw); 17. Ryan Terlecki (Suz); 18. Stephane Roncada (Hon); 19. Jason Frenette (Kaw); 20. Mike Katin (Yam).
Time: 18 min., 42.370 sec.
Margin of victory: 7.004 sec.

AMA 250cc SUPERCROSS SERIES POINT STANDINGS (After 10 of 15 rounds): 1. Jeremy McGrath (224/5 wins); 2. Kevin Windham (168); 3. Ezra Lusk (157/2); 4. Larry Ward (148) 5. Jeff Emig (146); 6. Mike LaRocco (144); 7. Damon Huffman (127); 8. Mickael Pichon (123); 9. (TIE) Doug Henry/Greg Albertyn (111); 11. Jimmy Button (110); 12. Ryan Hughes (107); 13. Mike Craig (83); 14. Mike Brown (82); 15. Sebastien Tortelli (71/1); 16. John Dowd (56); 17. Steve Lamson (47); 18. Phil Lawrence (41); 19. Jean-Sebastien Roy (36); 20. Tim Ferry (34).

KTM JR. SUPERCROSS CHALLENGE: 1. Brandon Miller; 2. Aaron Emory; 3. Max Eden; 4. Aaron Strickland; 5. Blake Steele; 6. John-Michael Young; 7. Courtney Gerald; 8. Caleb Pierce; 9. Stephen Stockland; 10. Jarrod Spano; 11: Jesse Holmes; 12. Trenton Suire; 13. Matthew Chambers; 14. Brodie Richard; 15. Joshua Adams.

Upcoming Rounds:
Round 11 - Minneapolis, Minnesota, March 21
Round 12 - St. Louis, Missouri, March 28

Toyota Trucks/Thor Parts Unlimited AMA Eastern Regional 125cc Supercross Series Round 5: Superdome

Carmichael... on the edge

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To no one's surprise, Team Pro Circuit/SplitFire/Kawasaki's Ricky Carmichael won his fifth straight Eastern Regional 125cc Supercross in Louisiana - but this time the win did not come as easily for the series leader, as the challenging track conditions and his own impatience had him on the edge of control for most of the evening.

Carmichael was forced to ride the last-chance qualifier when he crashed after landing on Moto XXX's Brian Deegan while trying to make up ground on the first lap of his heat. Failing to qualify, Carmichael then rode his first-ever LCQ, got a bad start and finally got into transfer position with a lap to go.

"I think I was more nervous in that LCQ race than I was when I won my outdoor championship," Carmichael said. "There was nothing fun about that.

"I was riding a little bit on the edge tonight, and I don't want to ride like that anymore this year, that's for sure," Carmichael continued. "This feels great, though. I can't believe it after the way things went for most of the night. I got a bad start, I was on the outside, and I just had to work my way through and stay on two wheels. I was casing the triples because the takeoffs were sucking me up, so I was coming up a little short. Luckily, I just calmed down and started double-doubling."

Team Primal Impulse/Bill's Pipes/Suzuki's Robbie Reynard finished second to Carmichael for the fourth time this season, and he is becoming increasingly determined to stop the dominance of the young Floridian.

"I'm not feeling too good about my finish - I didn't win," a dejected Reynard said from the pits. "It's just pissing me off more and more, and it's just building up more and more inside: just wanting to beat him. It's all going to turn into something good, because I want to win. It's going to come. I've been training really hard and I'm not really getting tired, but I pulled a muscle in my chest in Atlanta and I've been having trouble working it out. That's what happened to me tonight - my shoulder got tight, but... I'm going to beat him."

Stepping on a supercross podium for the first time was American Suzuki/FMF/O'Neal-backed Tyler Evans, who came up from way back in the pack to claim third.

"It hasn't really sunk in yet, but this sure is the happiest day of my life," Evans said. "The start didn't go too good because I fell down in the first turn. I just got up and rode my butt off, and it paid off. I passed Shae (Bentley) right before the white flag; he just got tired and I didn't."

Team Green/Pro Circuit/Fox-sponsored Shae Bentley led early in the main and finished fourth, and Team Tecate/Thor/Kawasaki of Mexico's Erick Vallejo rounded out the top five with a solid ride.

Carmichael leads the point standings with a perfect 125 points, trailed by Reynard with 101, and Team FMF/Honda's Brock Sellards holds down third with 73.

HEATS

Reynard had control of the first heat within a few corners and cruised to the win over Primal Impulse/Bill's Pipes/Suzuki's Charlie Bogard, Vallejo, Honda of Troy's Casey Lytle and Kingsport KTM/Pro Action/Litz Racing-backed Jim Neese. Moto XXX's Paul Currie finished sixth, Bentley took seventh, FMF/Pirelli/AXO-backed Matt Shue got eighth and Tom Morgan Racing/Lemonds Yamaha/Dunlop-backed Robbie Skaggs took the final transfer position in ninth.

The second heat was Carmichael's to lose, and he did when he gated poorly and crashed in a big pile with Deegan. Carmichael nearly landed on Deegan while attempting a triple that Deegan doubled. Hartman Enterprises/FMF/Xtreme's Cory Keeney snagged the holeshot and led for most of the race until Sellards motored by to take the win on the last lap. Team RPM/SMP/Papa Joe's Pizza-backed Tommy Clowers finished third, followed by Team Stiffie/TMR/Westwood's Shaun Perolio, Dr. Medsker/The Cycle Shed/KTM-sponsored Jim Povolny, Streits Motor-

sports/RPI/Thor's Jason Thomas, P&S/Factory Connection/JT-sponsored Tony Lorusso, One/Pro Circuit/Sinisalo's Ryan Duff, and KTM/Fox/EVS-backed Kelly Smith, who took the final transfer to the main in ninth.

Carmichael won the last-chance qualifier, although it took him until the last laps to finally work up to first due to a mediocre start. Honda of Jackson/Thor/Pro Circuit's Charles Dunaway maintained second over 2Xtreme Performance International-sponsored Jeff Dement, who led most of the race, and Evans moved up to take the last transfer in fourth.

MAIN

Povolny and Clowers wanted the holeshot money and never let off into the first corner, but it was Clowers getting the nod as the two riders then careened over the other side of the track. Vallejo jumped into the early lead but fell over in a turn, handing the lead to Bentley. Carmichael came around on the first lap in seventh and immediately began attempting both of the track's tricky triple jumps. This tactic was helping him make up time, but it also made onlookers cringe as he continually came up short very harshly, yet somehow saved it every time.

Neese gated well and ran second, in front of Sellards, who cartwheeled in the whoops soon after, taking Lytle down with him. With those two out, Carmichael and Reynard assumed third and fourth and continued to climb. Carmichael wheelied by both Neese and Bentley in the whoops to take the lead by lap six, and Reynard followed suit a lap later to latch on to second. Carmichael continued to frighten the crowd as he attempted both triple jumps a few more times in order to increase his lead on Reynard a little each time. It worked, but it wasn't pretty. Once out front and comfortable, Carmichael calmed down and took the win with just over 17 seconds on Reynard.

Meanwhile, Evans, who had been involved in the first-turn pileup, was charging through the pack from 15th on lap one to fifth by the halfway mark. On the last lap, Evans moved by Bentley to take the final podium position in third. Vallejo recovered from his early fall to claim fifth, ahead of Neese, Currie, Dement, a recovered Sellards, and Keeney in 10th. CN

Superdome
New Orleans, Louisiana
Results: March 14, 1998 (Round 5 of 8)

125 HEAT 1 (6 laps, 1-9 transfer to main): 1. Robbie Reynard (Suz); 2. Charlie Bogard (Suz); 3. Erick Vallejo (Kaw); 4. Casey Lytle (Hon); 5. Jim Neese (KTM); 6. Paul Currie (Kaw); 7. Shae Bentley (Kaw); 8. Matt Shue (Suz); 9. Robbie Skaggs (Yam); 10. Jeff Dement (Yam); 11. Ty Wallace (Yam); 12. Joseph Oehlhof (Hon); 13. Jeff Baker (Kaw); 14. Scott Davis (Suz); 15. James Eickel (Kaw); 16. Timmy Pustelak (Kaw); 17. Dax Kastrin (Suz); 18. Brandon Roberts (Kaw); 19. Mark Culton (Suz); 20. Jason Edwards (KTM).
Time: 5 min., 50.450 sec.

125 HEAT 2 (6 laps, 1-9 transfer to main): 1. Brock Sellards (Hon); 2. Cory Keeney (Yam); 3. Tom Clowers (Hon); 4. Shaun Perolio (Suz); 5. James Povolny (KTM); 6. Jason Thomas (Kaw); 7. Tony Lorusso (Suz); 8. Ryan Duff (Hon); 9. Kelly Smith (KTM); 10. Brian Stone (Kaw); 11. Jimmy Wilson (Suz); 12. Tony Graves (Yam); 13. Charles Dunaway (Hon); 14. Ricky Carmichael (Kaw); 15. Gio Tedesco (Yam); 16. Darren McElhattan (Yam); 17. Ronnie Renner (Yam); 18. Tyler Evans (Suz); 19. Brian Deegan (Kaw); 20. Doug DeHaan (Hon).
Time: 6 min., 1.590 sec.

125 LCQ (4 laps, 1-4 transfer to main): 1. Ricky Carmichael (Kaw); 2. Charles Dunaway (Hon); 3. Jeff Dement (Yam); 4. Tyler Evans (Suz); 5. Brian Deegan (Kaw); 6. Scott Davis (Suz); 7. Brandon Roberts (Kaw); 8. Joseph Oehlhof (Hon); 9. James Eickel (Kaw); 10. Ronnie Renner (Yam); 11. Jimmy Wilson (Suz); 12. Mark Culton (Suz); 13. Brian Stone (Kaw); 14. Tony Graves (Yam); 15. Jeff Baker (Kaw); 16. Ty Wallace (Yam); 17. Dax Kastrin (Suz); 18. Darren McElhattan (Yam); 19. Jason Edwards (KTM); 20. Gio Tedesco (Yam); 21. Timmy Pustelak (Kaw); 22. Doug DeHaan (Hon).
Time: 3 min., 58.780 sec.

125 MAIN (15): 1. Ricky Carmichael (Kaw); 2. Robbie Reynard (Suz); 3. Tyler Evans (Suz); 4. Shae Bentley (Kaw); 5. Erick Vallejo (Kaw); 6. Jim Neese (KTM); 7. Paul Currie (Kaw); 8. Jeff Dement (Yam); 9. Brock Sellards (Hon); 10. Cory Keeney (Yam); 11. Jason Thomas (Kaw); 12. Ryan Duff (Hon); 13. Tom Clowers (Hon); 14. Casey Lytle (Hon); 15. James Povolny (KTM); 16. Charlie Bogard (Suz); 17. Charles Dunaway (Hon); 18. Kelly Smith (KTM); 19. Robbie Skaggs (Yam); 20. Tony Lorusso (Suz); 21. Shaun Perolio (Suz); 22. Matt Shue (Suz).
Time: 14 min., 52.310 sec.
Margin of victory: 17.004 sec.

AMA 125cc EASTERN REGIONAL SUPERCROSS SERIES POINTS STANDINGS (After 5 of 8 rounds): 1. Ricky Carmichael (125/5 wins); 2. Robbie Reynard (101); 3. Brock Sellards (73); 4. Casey Lytle (72); 5. (TIE) Jim Neese/Shae Bentley (53); 7. (TIE) Tony Lorusso/James Povolny (40); 9. Paul Currie (36); 10. Cory Keeney (34); 11. Shaun Perolio (33); 12. Jeff Dement (32); 13. Barry Carsten (29); 14. Tyler Evans (28); 15. Erick Vallejo (26); 16. Ryan Clark (28); 17. Robbie Skaggs (22); 18. Jason Thomas (21); 19. Tom Clowers (18); 20. (TIE) Matt Shue/Ty Wallace (14).

Upcoming Rounds:
Round 6 - St. Louis, Missouri, March 21
Round 7 - Pontiac, Michigan, April 4

(Top) Tyler Evans stepped onto the podium for the first time in his career by coming all the way to third after crashing in the first corner. (Right) Tommy Clowers (112) wanted the 1-900-PRO-RACE Holeshot Award a little more than did Jim Povolny (83), but a first-corner pileup was the outcome.

Briefly...

The **1-900-PRO-RACE Holeshot Awards** went to Team Yamaha's **Kevin Windham** and Team RPM/SMP/Papa Joe's **Tommy Clowers**. Windham earned $1000 for his holeshot in the 250cc class, while Clowers received $500 for beating everyone to the first turn in the 125cc class. "Getting that holeshot kind of ruined my race (Clowers ran off the track), but at least I got the holeshot money," Clowers said after the race.

Supercross made its **return** to the **Louisiana Superdome** for the first time since 1980. Races were held at the Superdome from 1977 to 1980 and the past winners were: Marty Smith (Hon) in 1977, Bob Hannah (Yam) in 1978, Steve Wise (Hon) in 1979, and both Mike Bell (Yam) and Mark Barnett (Suz) in 1980 when the Supercross Series used the facility on two consecutive nights. Barnett was on hand, of course, as the designer and builder of the track, along with the rest of the Dirt Wurx crew.

Sports Illustrated was on hand at the New Orleans round of the Supercross Series, doing a feature story on Team Chaparral/Yamaha's **Jeremy McGrath**. Motorsports reporter Loren Mooney was handling the words, while SI photographer Jerry Ward handled the pictures. "Supercross' popularity is at an all-time high right now," said team manager Larry Brooks. "Sports Illustrated being here is one of the biggest things to happen to the sport of supercross." McGrath finished second in his heat to Larry Ward and finished second to Windham in the main. Sports Illustrated has a readership of 3.5 million.

During Friday's practice session, Team Chaparral/Yamaha's **Jimmy Button** injured his back and was forced to sit out the New Orleans SX. "Jimmy landed a little sideways from a jump right into a rut and tweaked his lower back. He didn't even crash," reported team manager Larry Brooks. "We took him straight to the sports chiropractor but there was nothing they could do. Hopefully, he'll be back next week. This is three weekends for him in a row where he hasn't scored any points, and that's not good." Button actually scored three points in Tampa with his 18th-place finish, but failed to score any points in Daytona (23rd) or New Orleans. He has now dropped to 11th in the point standings after climbing up as high as third after Atlanta with his three consecutive podium finishes. "I'll be back next week," Button said after the race. "I'm going to go to my hotel right now and get on a machine. I just got to work it out of my lower back. I'll be back."

The **pits** for the Louisiana Supercross had to be held within the confines of the stadium due to the very limited space available outside of the Superdome. The four factory teams - Honda, Kawasaki, Suzuki and Yamaha - were all able to pit inside the stadium on both sides of the starting gate, but the rest of the riders had to park outside and then roll their bikes and equipment into a tunnel that surrounds the stadium. Most of the satellite teams such as Honda of Troy, Chaparral/Yamaha, Pro Circuit/Split-Fire/Kawasaki and the Primal Impulse/Bill's Pipes/Suzuki were able to pit with the corresponding factory teams on the stadium floor. It didn't really seem to present too much of a problem, though, as the spectator traffic in the pits was very light and certainly less distracting to the riders, especially the higher-profile riders.

The **track conditions in Louisiana** were very typical of Southern U.S. soil - clay-like dirt that is very tacky and wet. Just like in Atlanta a few weeks ago, the Superdome track rutted up pretty badly earlier in the week, but lime applied to the jump faces and landings, whoops, corners and other saturated areas made it very ridable come Saturday. It was still very challenging and rutted, but no worse than these riders have seen elsewhere on the circuit this year. Still, due no doubt to the challenging soil conditions, riders were crashing everywhere, especially in the longer whoop section where the ruts were just bad enough to lure riders (Hughes, Emig, Albertyn, McGrath and Sellards, just to name a few) into disaster. "It's better when the ruts are there because you don't come up short so much," explained Mike Craig about the jumps after a practice session on Saturday. "The dirt is soft and wet underneath. If there is not a rut, you usually take off and come up short because the soil is soft and takes away momentum."

Baton Rouge, Louisiana, local **Kevin Windham** was touted all week in radio advertisements as being the Louisiana Supercross favorite in the 250cc class and even got top billing in the evening's opening ceremonies. After Jeremy McGrath and Jeff Emig rolled around the track, Windham came out last and pulled off a hugely successful nose-wheelie, to the delight of the crowd. "I've been out in California for some time now and it just feels good to be home," Windham said during the opening ceremonies. Maybe it went straight to his head, as Windham held off a determined Ezra Lusk to win his heat and his second career 250cc Supercross main event.

Speaking of **Kevin Windham**, the Team Yamaha rider flew teammates **John Dowd** and **Doug Henry** into New Orleans in his single-engine plane for Thursday's press day at the stadium. Dowd was a bit hesitant at first but said the 20-year-old Windham had everything under control. "I've ridden in rental cars with Kevin driving," Dowd said with a chuckle, "so I really didn't know what to expect. But when we got into the plane, Kevin was very professional."

Team Honda of Troy's **Stephane Roncada**, who normally rides the 125cc Western Regional Supercross series, will ride a 250 in the remainder of the Eastern Regional rounds. "Stephane's been hounding us for a while to ride a 250," said team manager Erik Kehoe. "I'll bet he can be a top-10 guy. He just needs a little experience on the 250." Roncada transferred to the main with a fourth-place finish in a semi, and ran as high as ninth in the main before tangling with Steve Lamson. He eventually finished 18th.

Team FMF/Thor/Honda's **Danny Smith** is out of action indefinitely with a wrist injury. "He may be back next week (in Minnesota)," said FMF team manager Bobby Moore. "If not, he'll take St. Louis off and be back for the rest of the East Coast races and Vegas." The injury was sustained in Daytona when Smith came up a little short on one of the triple jumps. Smith, who finished second in the Atlanta SX, is reported to have a minor fracture and a severely bruised wrist, and is currently wearing a cast to keep it immobile.

In other news about the FMF/Honda team, **Scott Sheak**, who tore his Achilles' tendon in January at a warmup supercross, was back on a bike and training lightly for the first time this week. Sheak is expected to return to racing at the opening round of the AMA National Championship Motocross Series at Glen Helen Raceway in San Bernardino, California, on May 10.

Team Chaparral Yamaha's **Jeremy McGrath** is currently under a one-year contract with the team, but many are already starting to wonder what the four-time champ might do next year. "We've already talked about next year," team manager Larry Brooks said. "Nothing is in writing, so it's not for sure, but he doesn't want to change teams again, that's for sure."

Round 1: Willow Springs International Raceway

Adams awesome

By Mark Hoyer

ROSAMOND, CA, MAR. 15

It took just two qualifying laps for Attack Performance's Curtis Adams to stamp his authority on the Formula USA Michelin California Championship - that's all it took for the Willow Springs regular to land pole position. So what if he crashed right afterward - it was but a small hiccup. Adams returned on race day with a repaired Yamaha 840 and - after battling through an eight-lap back-and-forth duel with Graves Motorsports' Chuck Graves in race one - it was clear sailing from there on out.

Adams led Graves across the line with a comfortable margin in the first race after getting a better break through traffic late in their race-long fight - then he just flat ran away in race two, leading at the stripe on every lap and winning by an even bigger margin. No breaks in traffic were needed.

Graves might have given Adams a bit more of a run in the second race, but after crashing in both the Pro-Tek Super Sport and EBC Brakes Pro Sport races, he was just too sore to keep up. Still, he managed to finish second despite heavy pressure from behind.

Team Valvoline Emgo Suzuki teammates Mike Smith and Tray Batey spent a lot of time together on the race track, battling in both races, though Smith got the better end of the deal both times. Despite a cooked tire, Smith held off Batey's advances in their lonely fight for the final podium spot in race one, and even managed to shake his teammate in race two. Although in that second race Smith had worked his way into the runner-up spot after pressuring Graves for several laps, Graves managed to get him back. But Smith was going for one more try, and it proved his undoing. In his final bid for the runner-up spot, Smith lost traction in turn nine, allowing both Valvoline Emgo teammate Grant Lopez and Fast By Ferracci's Steve Grigg past - and he ended up right back in front of Batey. Smith finished fifth, with Batey sixth.

Though Lopez went through first, Grigg ultimately benefited the most from Smith's miscue, riding to third place in front of Lopez. Grigg had finished a lonely sixth in race one.

Adams' double win - making it four Formula USA race wins in a row at Willow Springs for the Californian - puts him in the championship lead with 100 points, followed by Graves with 84. Smith lies third with 66 points - effectively the series lead since neither of the other two plan to contest the entire series. Grigg is fourth with 64, followed by Batey with 59.

RACE ONE

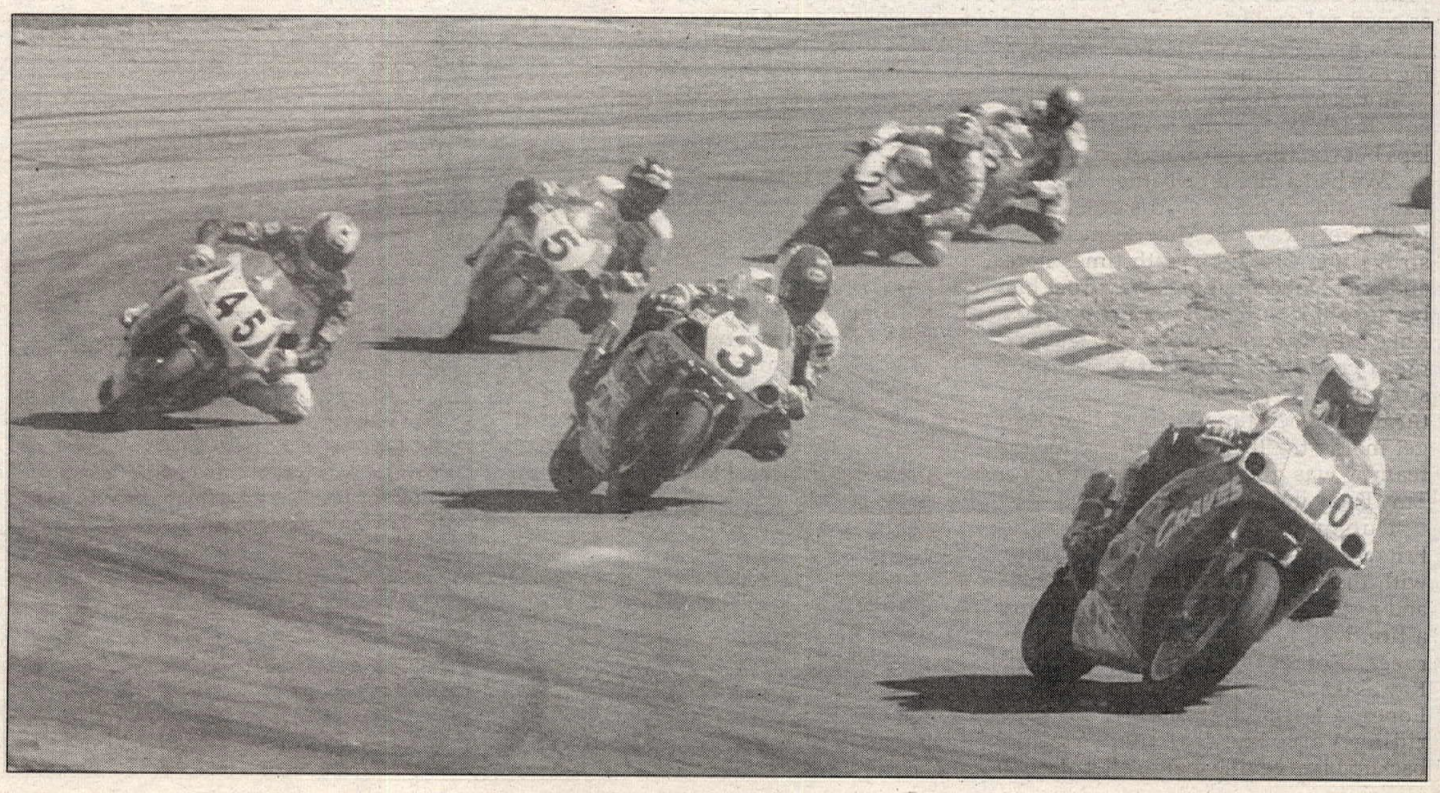
After a delay of nearly an hour and a half due to red flags in earlier WSMC club races, the first Formula USA race finally got under way at 2:20 p.m. Graves got off to the early lead, with Adams right behind, though the Yamaha rider would soon find his way by. Of course, Graves, too, would find his way back by, and so it went. It was practically useless to note who was leading at the stripe, though Adams gets credit for leading the most laps.

Adams first moved into the lead after getting a better drive on the exit of turn one, the scene of classic back-and-forth battles in which the pair frequently engage at the regular club events.

"It's our typical battle in every race event," Adams said. "We always battle into turn one. Luckily, I was able to come out on top each time. He (Graves) runs it in deeper and apexes it early, which kind of hurts him on the way out. I run in much slower and apex later. With that line, it just translates into a little bit more speed on exit."

Graves, riding an RF900-engined GSXR750, managed to make a pass and lead Adams across the line just before the halfway mark, but it was the last time. As the pair pulled further away from their pursuers - battling teammates Smith and Batey - Adams got a break in traffic in turn seven that let him get out to a comfortable margin, and that was the end of it.

"The bike was so good, I was comfortable passing lapped riders, and I



(Above) Double winner Curtis Adams was absolutely flawless at the opening round of the Sunoco Race Fuels F-USA series. In addition to $5000 in purse money, Adams also earned the $500 Alpha Sprinkler pole award.
(Right) Chuck Graves (10) leads the early going in race one ahead of Tray Batey (3), Adams (45), Mike Smith (5) and Steve Grigg (27).

guess Chuck got held up a little bit," Adams said. "After that I just maintained a steady pace and told myself not to make any mistakes."

"We got into lapped riders," Graves said. "I went left, he (the lapped rider) slammed the door and then I tried the other side, but he went all the way to the inside there, too. That really put a damper on things - I lost a couple of seconds at least. Then I started to make some time back up, but I made some big mistakes and lost some of that."

In the end, as Graves put it, it was "Not enough, not soon enough," and Adams had the comfortable win.

The fight for third place had been left well behind, but what a battle it was, as Batey and Smith never got more than a few lengths apart and often ran side by side. Smith mainly had the advantage on the straight, seeming to get a better drive off of critical turn nine, but Batey would try his hand going up the hill. Despite having trouble with grip, Smith said he felt like he had Batey covered in the first race.

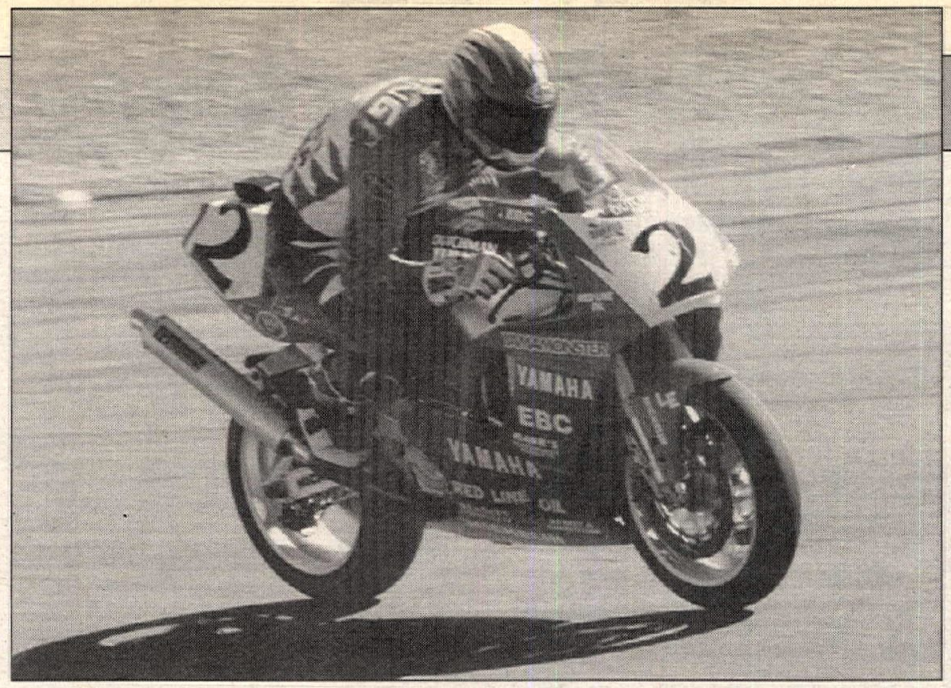
"The rear tire went off in the first five laps trying to stay with the first two guys (Adams and Graves)," Smith said. "Then I basically had to baby it to finish as good as I could."

As for Batey, Smith said: "I was trying to hold him up."

It was by and large a successful strategy. Batey laid on the heat in the final laps but couldn't make the pass stick.

"We had a nice little battle going on," Batey said. "I knew Curtis and Chuck would get away, but Mike seemed to be struggling a little bit with times here, and not to take anything away from him because he's a great rider, but when Mike came around me, it really shocked me. I could not get past him on the straightaway. The only way was in the turns, but each time I'd pass him, he'd get me on the front straight. So for the team it was good (Smith's third), for Tray Batey it wasn't so good."

Dutchman "Yamamonster" rider Fritz Kling came home a lonely fifth, with the trailing Grigg, equally lonely and just cruising after running too hard a tire, well behind him in sixth. Local racer Vincent Haskovec took his Kawasaki ZX-9R to seventh, with Grant Lopez, a last-minute entry in the class riding Valvoline teammate Smith's backup bike, getting eighth after starting last on the grid. Zlock Racing's Eric Wood was ninth and Valvoline Emgo Suzuki rider Josh Hayes was 10th.



(Left) Smith (5) and Batey (3) ran this close for most of race one. Smith came out on top, taking the final spot on the podium. After running as high as second in race two, a mistake dropped Smith to fifth, one spot ahead of teammate Batey.
(Above) Number-two plate holder Fritz Kling ran a lonely fourth in race one, then slumped to eighth in race two.
(Top right) Adams (center) lets the champagne fly after his race-two victory with double second-place finisher Graves (left) and Grigg.

RACE TWO

By the time the second race was run it was nearly 5:30 p.m. and the riders would face challenging conditions in the form of the typical high-desert afternoon winds and a rapidly setting sun.

Two things took place between the first and second races that would change the face of the contest more than wind or the shadows of the setting sun, however: Adams got faster and Graves got slower.

"We changed the rear spring to a softer one and it made the bike more comfortable and it gave a lot better feedback," Adams said. "After the first two laps I was really comfortable and just started running good laps. I got signs from my crew of a good lead and never looked back."

Graves, meanwhile, had suffered two hard get-offs in the Formula USA support races run between Formula USA legs and was dealing with the consequences.

"All I wanted to do was finish," Graves said. "My leathers were looking pretty poor there. I knew that there was no way that I was going to run with Curtis so I just tried to do the best that I could."

Smith got the early jump, but wasn't entirely comfortable leading the race under the windy conditions, and Adams took over in turn five on the first lap.

"I took the lead right off the bat, but for me that wasn't really comfortable because the wind was blowing so hard," Smith said. "The wind was blowing so bad in eight and nine, you kind of have to drive in sort of facing it - you've got to want it real bad to drive it through there (with the wind so strong)."

Adams was gone after that, pulling away to a seven-second margin by the end of lap 11 and then cruising home with the win.

Smith, meanwhile, held on to second in front of Batey, but the hurting Graves was on the move, first getting one fellow Suzuki rider and then the other to take over second.

Smith hovered behind now-second-placed Graves and later in the race managed to get by a few times, making it past in turn one on the brakes - usually a Graves maneuver.

"My left arm is really sore and it affected my braking," Graves said. "I just couldn't outbrake Smith into one. He was getting me there every time."

They traded the spot pretty much every other lap toward the end with Batey and BAM Performance's James Randolph there the whole time, but Graves was riding wide and as slowly as he could while still trying to hold on to the spot.

"Chuck had finally got around us," Batey said, "but he couldn't seem to get away. I think Mike learned a few things from Chuck, but Chuck started slowing down - out of five, he was just creeping. Grant (Lopez) and Grigg then caught up with us. I don't think they would have caught us."

Lopez and Grigg, running sixth and seventh, respectively, had indeed closed on the group in front of them and first passed Randolph, standing in for the still-injured Dave Sadowski, and then pulled right up on Batey.

Graves, leading the now-five-rider group, was intent on keeping his spot.

"On the last lap, there was no way I was going to let them past me," Graves said. "I couldn't get through lefts very well but had a lot more speed through right turns. Once I got to the hill, there was no way they were going to pass me, and once I got over the crest of six, I knew I had it."

Had it he did, but Lopez had moved in behind Graves after Smith lost the rear end in turn nine.

"I had to roll out in nine and just lost my drive," Smith said.

Batey had a front-row seat for Smith's loss of traction, had to roll out himself, and thus had allowed Lopez and Grigg a way past.

"Mike lost the rear and I was so close, I had to roll out of it," Batey said. "I went from fourth to sixth in half a second."

Lopez chased Graves on the final lap and was shooting for a pass in turn nine, a corner in which he had found success earlier.

"I was on Graves for at least the last lap and almost got past in turn one," Lopez said. "I followed him around for most of the last lap. I had been going good in nine and passed a few guys through it and thought I could get Chuck, too. I set him up and planned on it (a pass), but lost the back. That little slip cost me third for sure. Unless Grigg was setting *me* up."

Which in fact turned out to be the case, as Grigg was right there to take advantage.

"As we came into nine, Lopez went wide," Grigg said. "We were either going to hit or I was going to get by. Turns out he lost the back."

Grigg was through and into the final podium spot. Lopez, Smith and Batey, in that order, were all right on his tail at the line in a very tight finish.

Randolph, Kling, Haskovec and Hayes rounded out the top 10. CN

Willow Springs International Raceway
Rosamond, California
Results: March 15, 1998 (Round 1 of 6)

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RACE 2: 1. Curtis Adams (Yam); 2. Chuck Graves (Suz); 3. Steve Grigg (Duc); 4. Grant Lopez (Suz); 5. Mike Smith (Suz) 6. Tray Batey (Suz); 7. James Randolph (Muz); 8. Fritz Kling (Yam); 9. Vincent Haskovec (Kaw); 10. Josh Hayes (Suz); 11. Lucio Nicolodi (Duc); 12. Eric Wood (Kaw); 13. William Beck (Suz); 14. Mike Sullivan (Kaw); 15. M. Dean Vincent (Yam); 16. Chris Voelker (Hon); 17. Frank Aragaki (Kaw); 18. Matt Cusumano (Suz); 19. Kevin President (Yam); 20. Stephen Hewitt (Hon); 21. Brian Long (Suz); 22. Tyler Paulson (Kaw); 23. Bryan Bemisderfer (Yam); 24. David Smith (Suz); 25. Chad Stuart Jensen (Suz); 26. Devin Battley (Yam); 27. Claudio Szyszkowski (Duc); 28. Kyle Zazzi (Yam); 29. Michael Fitzpatrick (Kaw).

FORMULA USA CHAMPIONSHIP POINT STANDINGS (After 1 of 6 rounds): 1. Curtis Adams (100/2 wins); 2. Chuck Graves (84); 3. Mike Smith (66); 4. Steve Grigg (64); 5. Tray Batey (59); 6. Grant Lopez (55); 7. Fritz Kling (52); 8. Vincent Haskovec (46); 9. Josh Hayes (38); 10. James Randolph (37); 11. Eric wood (36); 12. Lucio Nicolodi (27); 13. Chris Voelker (25); 14. M. Dean Vincent (23); 15. Stephen Hewitt (18); 16. Jerry Evans Jr. (16); 17. Michael Fitzpatrick (15); 18. William Beck (13); 19. Mike Sullivan (12); 20. Kevin President (8).

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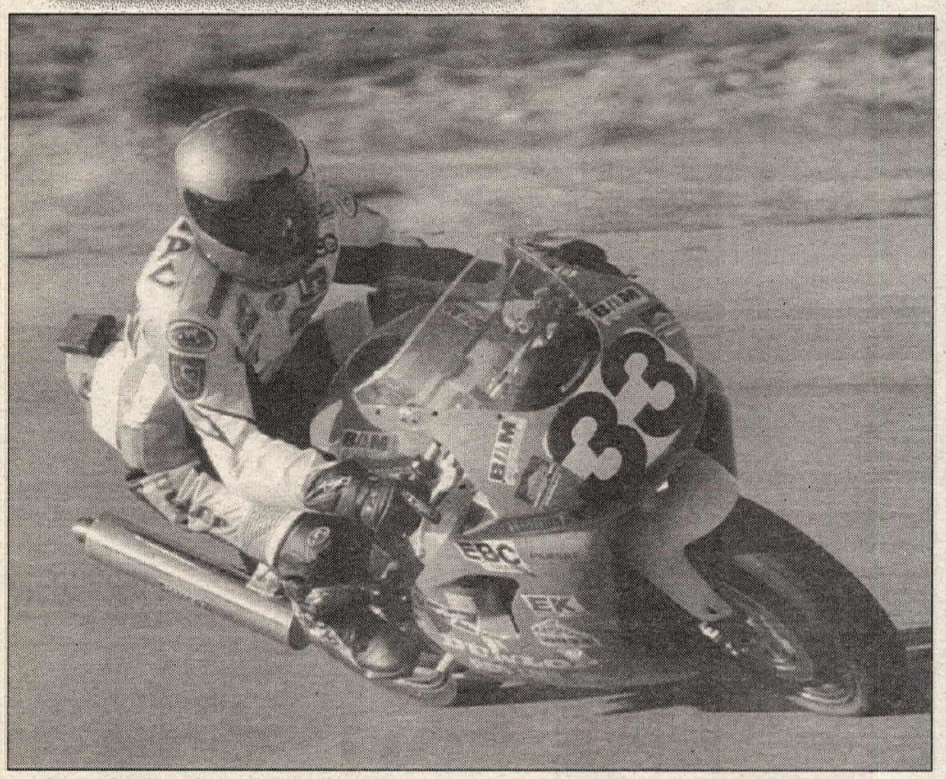
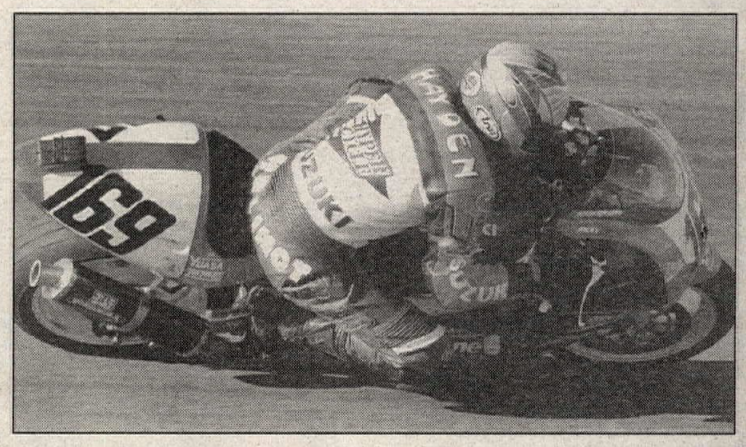
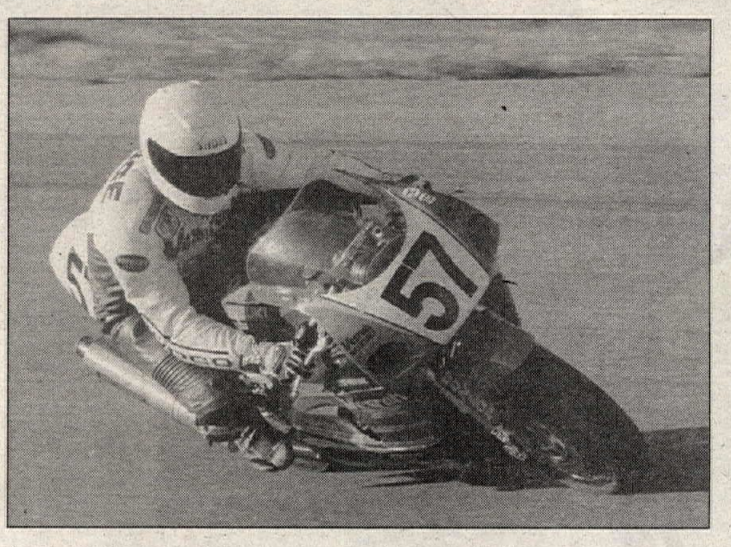




(Left) Vincent Haskovec won the Pro Sport 126-hp class with ease on his detuned ZX-9R. (Right) Mark Junge came out on top of a heated battle for second that included four other riders. (Below) HyperCycle's Nicky Hayden, 16, won the red-flag-interrupted Pro-Tek Super Sport race.



Foreign invasion

By Mark Hoyer

ROSAMOND, CA, MAR. 15

Czech import Vincent Haskovec didn't have much to say from atop the podium after the EBC Brakes Formula Pro Sport race. Then again, he probably said all he needed to out on the race track.

From his second-place start position, BAM Performance's Haskovec powered his way into the lead early and by the middle of the second lap already had a second in hand over second place, Fast By Ferracci's Steve Grigg on a Ducati 748, stretching it out to nearly seven seconds by the end of the race, his lead never threatened.

The battle for second was a different story. Grigg had it pretty easy in the early going, but the combination of a slipping rear tire and a certain Nicky Hayden suddenly changed that. That 16-year-old Hayden can be found at the front of a race is impressive enough. Factor in his last-on-the-grid starting position and the fact that he was riding a GSXR600 in what is basically a 750cc class - well, what can you say? By the middle of the third lap, HyperCycle's Hayden had moved into third in the 126-hp-limited class, and a few laps later was right on Grigg. Vesrah/Marshall Dist.-backed Mark Junge was soon in the mix as well, setting up a battle that would last to the finish.

Junge ended up getting second in front of Hayden after Grigg had a big slide near the end of the race that ultimately dropped him to fifth.

Haskovec leads the points standings with 50 points for his victory, followed by Junge with 42 and Hayden with 37.

The flag was dropped on the EBC Brakes Pro Sport class a few minutes before 4:30, with the wind starting to pick up. ZX-9R-mounted Haskovec wasted no time in taking the lead and just started running away with the race right from the get-go. Second-placed Grigg, himself on a 955-powered Ducati 748, was apparently helpless to respond.

"I thought Haskovec had some motor on me, but my tire started going away and I just wasn't getting the drive I needed," Grigg said.

After that, Haskovec was totally out of the picture.

Grigg held second for most of the race until coming under pressure from a tight group that included first Hayden, then Junge and Team Valvoline Emgo Suzuki's Josh Hayes. Valvoline teammate Grant Lopez had been in the mix in the early going, but ultimately dropped to sixth after Hayden, Junge, Hayes and pole qualifier Bryce Gross went by. Gross, however, was soon out. Graves Motorsports' Chuck Graves crashed in turn two and Gross passed a rider under waving yellow, then crashed. Because he crashed out of the race, he was not penalized.

On the last lap, Grigg had a big slide, letting Junge, Hayden and Hayes by.

"The tire was gone on the third lap," Grigg said. "I rode it like a dirt bike until the end of the race but had a big slide in turn two. God set me back in the seat but also let like four guys past me!"

Hayden was running around fifth at the time, a little unhappy about it after running third for several laps.

"I worked my way up and got to third, then guys started going back by," Hayden said. "I kind of got frustrated. Those guys were riding really good the last two laps and we started getting really close. I think a little paint was exchanged. I was just having a blast out there. It's too bad we weren't fighting for the lead, but still, it was fun."

In the final-lap melee, Junge ended up in second, Hayden third and Hayes was fourth. Grigg finished fifth. CN

Willow Springs International Raceway
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PRO SPORT FINAL: 1. Vincent Haskovec (Kaw); 2. Mark Junge (Suz); 3. Nicky Hayden (Suz); 4. Josh Hayes (Suz); 5. Steve Grigg (Duc); 6. Grant Lopez (Suz); 7. Karl Lowry Jr. (Suz); 8. Eric Wood (Kaw); 9. Michael Fitzpatrick (Kaw); 10. Matt Cusumano (Suz); 11. Jake Zemke (Suz); 12. Jeff Hagan (Suz); 13. Tony Doran (Suz); 14. Steve Poore (Hon).

EBC BRAKES PRO SPORT CHAMPIONSHIP POINT STANDINGS (After 1 of 6 rounds): 1. Vincent Haskovec (50/1 win); 2. Mark Junge (42); 3. Nicky Hayden (37); 4. Josh Hayes (32); 5. Steve Grigg (29); 6. Grant Lopez (27); 7. Karl Lowry Jr. (25); 8. Eric Wood (23); 9. Michael Fitzpatrick (21); 10. Matt Cusumano (19); 11. Jake Zemke (17); 12. Jeff Hagan (15); 13. Tony Doran (13); 14. Steve Poore (12).

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Pro-Tek Formula Super Sport
Round 1: Willow Springs International Raceway

Hayden hyper

By Mark Hoyer

ROSAMOND, CA, MAR. 15

HyperCycle's Nicky Hayden just came out to Willow Springs International Raceway as a warmup for the AMA National at the facility next month. It looks like he's ready.

After the first start of the Pro-Tek Super Sport 103-hp class was red-flagged when Grant Lopez crashed in the middle of turn four, Hayden returned to chase early leader Jerry Evans Jr. during the first half of the completely restarted race, then made the pass and motored his way smoothly to the win.

BAM Performance's Vincent Haskovec had a rough start but quickly went to work, powering his way through the pack on his detuned ZX-9R and ultimately working his way up to second after a late-race pass on third-place finisher Evans.

Hayden, who doesn't plan to contest any more rounds of the series, leads the point standings with 50 points, followed by Haskovec with 42 and Evans with 37.

Team Valvoline Emgo Suzuki's Lopez took the early lead when the flag was dropped for the Pro Tek Super Sport final. Lopez was at the head of a supertight pack, with Hayden, Graves Motorsports' Chuck Graves, Evan and Lowry hot on his heels.

Though Graves was the first to go, with a crash off of turn three while he was trying a pass he later said he shouldn't have, the red flag wasn't thrown until Lopez crashed on a cooked tire in turn four, his bike ending up on the racing line. Lopez was okay and rode his bike back to the pits to get it fixed for the restart.

Hayden, too, rode back to the pits, passing two red flags along the way. Hayden will be fined an unspecified amount.

Since it was a full restart, racers and teams were given time to fit new tires, refuel and repair their bikes as needed. Graves did not make the restart.

When the green flag waved for the second time, it was Evans off to the early lead with Hayden in tow, those two pulling a small gap on the pursuing pack of Hayes, Lowry and Haskovec.

By the end of lap six, though, Hayden pulled away after figuring out the line through the fast and critical turn nine.

"It was a tough race," Hayden said. "I made a few mistakes and these guys were going awful fast, but I just put my head down and (tried to) see who I could get around. At the beginning I wasn't doing too good in that (turn nine); toward the end I just put my head down and I was able to get some time on those guys. Bike worked perfectly. It was just really a good run and I'm really happy."

Haskovec made an impressive charge through the field but really had to work for his runner-up spot after getting a poor start.

"As soon as you pass them they are (back) around you," Haskovec, a Czech, said through a translator. "It was very hard to keep them behind you. I am hoping for a little bit better in the next race (Pro Sport). It was very hard because of the start."

After being passed by Haskovec, the GSXR600-mounted Evans hung on briefly but dropped back to finish just ahead of Lowry. Seevers Racing Development's Ken Chase finished fifth. CN

Willow Springs International Raceway
Rosamond, California
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SUPER SPORT FINAL: 1. Nicky Hayden (Suz); 2. Vincent Haskovec (Kaw); 3. Jerry Evans Jr. (Suz); 4. Karl Lowry Jr. (Suz); 5. Ken Chase (Suz); 6. Mark Junge (Suz); 7. Josh Hayes (Suz); 8. Jeremy Toye (Suz); 9. Dave Campbell (Hon); 10. Michael Fitzpatrick (Kaw); 11. Tony Doran (Suz); 12. Grant Lopez (Suz); 13. Bryan Bemisderfer (Yam); 14. Steve Laszko (Hon); 15. Tony Silvera (Hon); 16. Bob Laszko (Hon).

PRO TEK SUPER SPORT CHAMPIONSHIP POINT STANDINGS (After 1 of 6 rounds): 1. Nicky Hayden (50/1 win); 2. Vincent Haskovec (42); 3. Jerry Evans Jr. (37); 4. Karl Lowry Jr. (32); 5. Ken Chase (29); 6. Mark Junge (27); 7. Josh Hayes (25); 8. Jeremy Toye (23); 9. Dave Campbell (21); 10. Michael Fitzpatrick (19); 11. Tony Doran (17); 12. Grant Lopez (15); 13. Bryan Bemisderfer (13); 14. Steve Laszko (12); 15. Tony Silvera (10); 16. Bob Laszko (8).

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ANDREWS SWAMPS ENTIRE FIELD IN OKEECHOBEE.

Fred Andrews wins Round 1.
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It's the first and biggest race in the AMA Grand National Cross Country Series. Eight laps of an intense ten mile circuit that included a motocross section, flat track, tight woods and a mud bog. Kawasaki cross country specialist Fred Andrews kept it close for the first four laps, but on lap 5, enough was enough. He and his KX250 roosted to the lead and held on for a comfortable victory, allowing Fred to sip champagne. While everybody else was still choking on mud.

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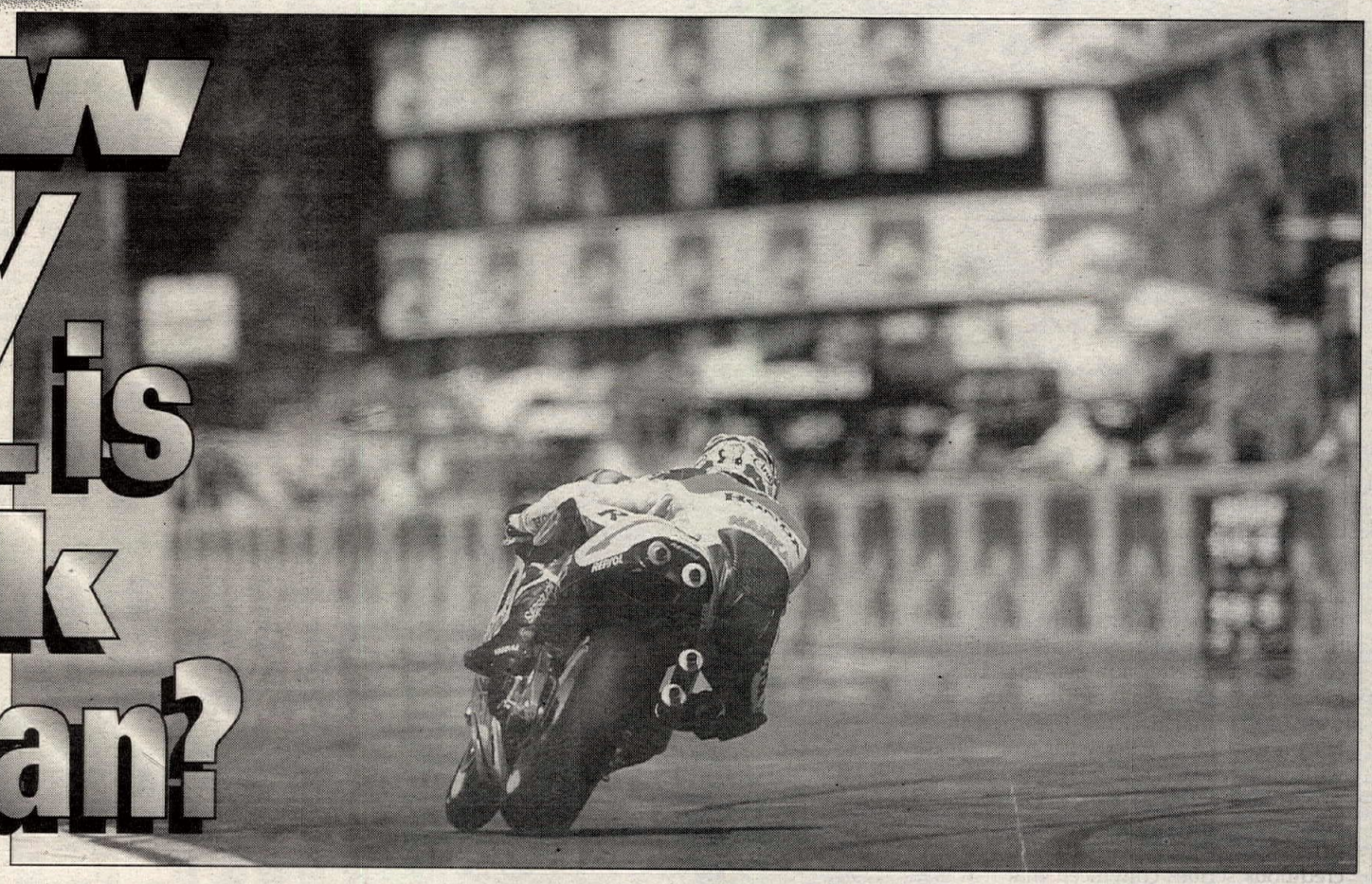


By Dennis Noyes
Photos from the *Cycle News* archives

Last year Repsol Honda's Mick Doohan humiliated the field to such an extent in the 500cc World Championships that, as was the case with Jeremy McGrath in Supercross two years ago, the only real interest in 500cc racing was how long Doohan's winning streak would continue and how many records he would break. For the good of 500 racing, I'd like to say that, after the preseason tests, Doohan looks more vulnerable this year. But the truth is that taking the 500cc title away from Mick Doohan is going to be harder than taking a wheel off a locomotive with a hammer and a monkey wrench.

Doohan is starting the season in a nasty mood, which is bad news for his rivals. He thinks the new unleaded fuel has taken the tiger out of the tank and replaced it with a pussycat. He says he's not worried about John Kocinski, that his chief rivals will be his teammates Alex Criville and Tadayuki Okada, and that he's not obsessed with breaking Giacomo Agostini's record of 68 wins in the 500cc class (Doohan starts the season with 46), but that as long as he's motivated, he'll keep racing, and if he breaks the record, well, that will be nice.

Just how good is this Australian, anyway? To answer that, I delved deep into the stats that British statistician Dr. Martin Raines and I have gathered over the last two seasons as support for TV commentary on Speedvision's coverage of the championship.

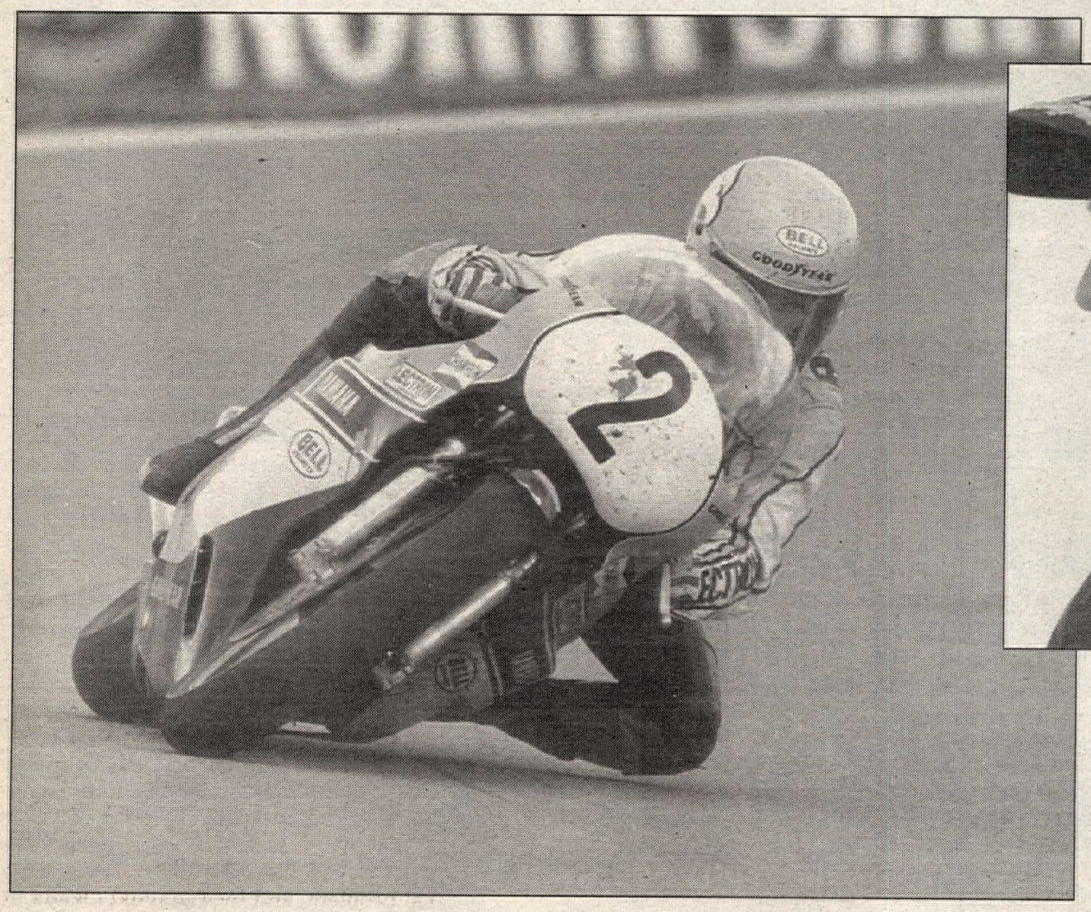
Unlike the European Grand Prix journalists and TV commentators with whom I work, I still remember what I learned as a kid growing up back in the Midwest: You can make a case for just about anything, but you need a lot of stats to back it up.

I learned that lesson when I was a freshman in high school and Bill Veeck, then the owner of the Chicago White Sox, came to my hometown to give a speech at the VFW. I covered it for the school newspaper. Veeck made the statement that Luis Aparicio was the best shortstop in baseball and that he wouldn't trade Aparicio for Ernie Banks and Wrigley Field together. That was too much and I answered back that Banks had hit 44 home runs the year before and that he held the Major League record for grand slams and for home runs by a shortstop. The place went silent and Veeck regarded me coolly and then calmly produced a string of amazing statistics that not only proved that the light-hitting Venezuelan with the great glove was more valuable to the Sox than Banks would have been, but went on to imply that Banks' propensity to hit into double plays combined with his lack of range to his left did more harm to the Cubs than the good that his line drives over the ivy-covered walls did. I felt like hitting him over the head with his wooden leg, but he had me.

500cc-CLASS CAREER WINNING PERCENTAGES (1976-PRESENT)
(Limited to riders with a minimum of 40 starts in the 500cc class)

	Rider	500 titles	Starts	Wins	Winning Percentage
1.	Mick Doohan	4	121	46	38.0%
2.	Kenny Roberts	3	58	22	37.9%
3.	Freddie Spencer	2	62	20	32.3%
4.	Wayne Rainey	3	83	24	28.9%
5.	Eddie Lawson	4	127	31	24.4%
6.	Kevin Schwantz	1	104	25	24.0%
7.	Barry Sheene*	2	97	19	19.6%
8.	Wayne Gardner	1	102	18	17.6%
9.	Luca Cadalora	0	68	8	11.8%
10.	John Kocinski	0	44	4	9.1%

* Barry Sheene's record includes races prior to 1976, the year the FIM started keeping complete records. The information from before that time was gleaned from newspaper reports and other contemporary sources.



(Top) Mick Doohan leads the greatest riders of the modern era in career winning percentage, just edging Kenny Roberts (above and left). Roberts, however, still has the highest percentage of fastest laps per race start.

Veeck, the man who invented the electric scoreboard and sent a midget to pinch hit, was also way ahead of his time in the use of trash stats and had come up with better numbers than I had gleaned from the back of Tops cards. It was a great injustice, but I learned the lesson and have frequently come up with far-fetched statistical arguments to prove in the Grand Prix press rooms some very unlikely and often untrue premises. (At one point I had a lot of credulous scribes convinced that it was virtually impossible to win the 500cc World Title and the British Grand Prix at Donington in the same season... until Doohan finally won both the title and the British GP in 1994. Coincidence is not cause and effect.)

Nevertheless, you can't approach the question of Mick Doohan's true place in modern Grand Prix racing without delving into the stats stash.

Who is the best 500cc rider of the last 30 years? Agostini, Read, Sheene, Roberts, Spencer, Lawson, Rainey or Doohan? Or was it Kevin Schwantz, who won only one title but was, from his first full season in 1988 until he retired at the beginning of 1995, always in the mix, winning or crashing, but never out of the hunt?

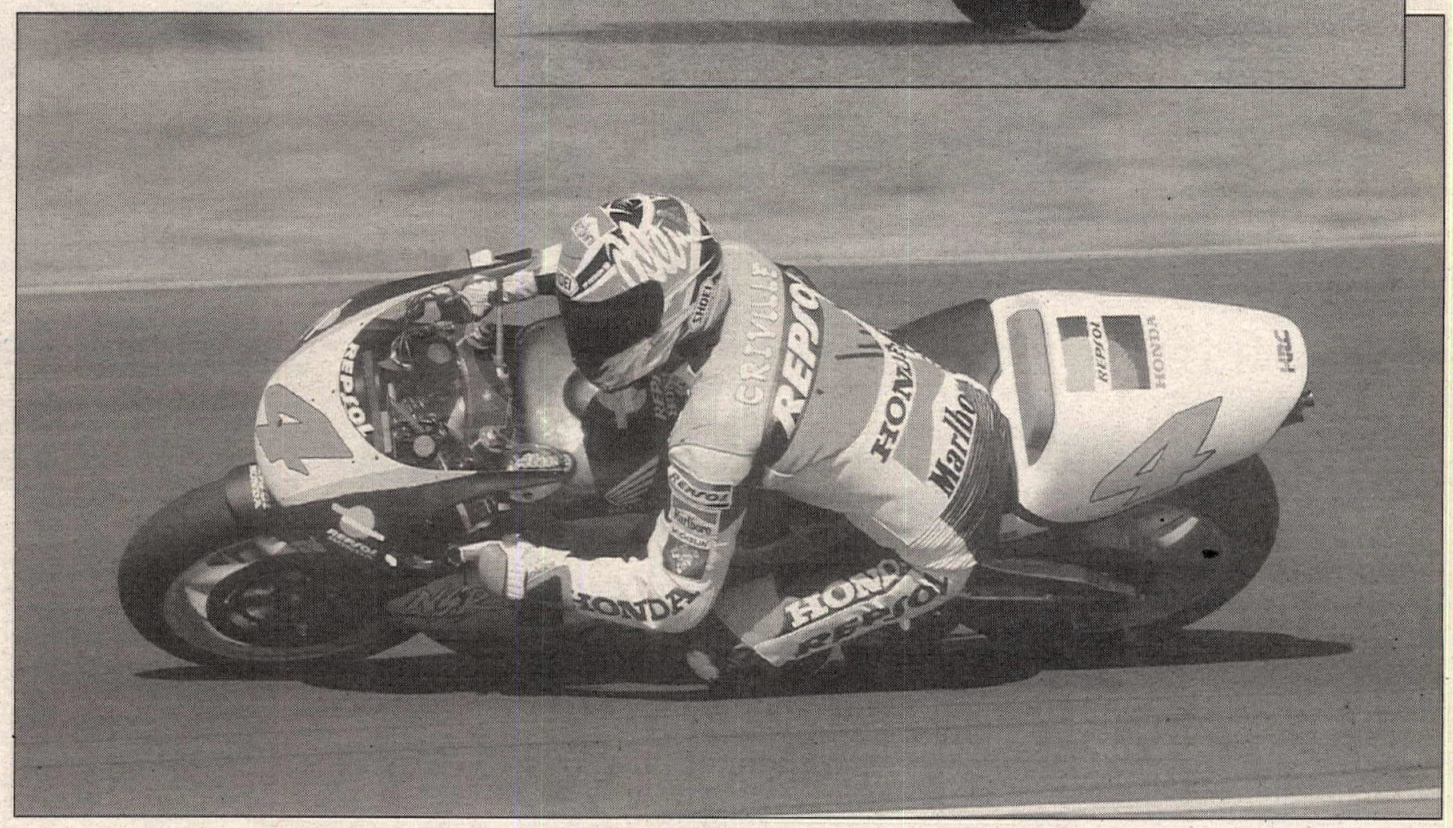
Let's all keep our opinions quiet for the moment and look at the facts and at the stats.

Cycle News' choice of the 32-year-old works HRC Honda rider, Mick Doohan, as the 1997 Rider of the Year may have rankled some readers who would have preferred that honor to be given to American John Kocinski, the World Superbike Champion; to the brooding and charismatic Italian Max Biaggi, four-time 250cc World Champion; or even to the flashier Italian wonder boy 125cc World Champion, Valentino Rossi.

It may not always have been exciting to watch Doohan en route to a new record for most victories (12), most pole positions (12), and most points (340) in a single season, but a lingering look at his ongoing lifetime results makes it clear that the kid who started his GP career as third-string factory Honda rider behind two of the greatest of the '80s, America's "Steady Eddie" Lawson and Australian Wayne Gardner, has today earned a place as one of the best ever to race a 500cc Grand Prix machine, the ultimate challenge in professional motorcycle racing.

His stats can't tell us who would have won if he had battled it out with the likes of John Surtees, Phil Read or Mike Hailwood, or even how he would have stacked up if he had reached his prime a few years earlier, in the days of Roberts, Spencer and Lawson. We don't know what Tony Gwynn would have hit against Lefty Gomez either, but we know it would have been a hell of a match-up.

(Above) Though Eddie Lawson doesn't top any of the catagories we looked at, "Steady" Eddie spent the last two years of his GP career on Cagiva, which probably hurt his numbers a bit.
(Right) Doohan chases Wayne Rainey in 1990. Rainey is second only to Doohan in average points per start, and even then only by one-hundredth of a point.
(Below) Among current 500cc GP riders, Alex Criville has finished on the podium a solid 38.4% of the time. But his number pales in comparison to Doohan, who has been up there a whopping 68.6 percent. Doohan has *won* 38% of the times he's started.



Last season, from the commentary booth, I had the opportunity to watch Doohan put together one of the best seasons in Grand Prix history. It was often useful to go to the stats to put Doohan's accomplishments in perspective, but it was never necessary to look for obscure achievements because Doohan's stats stand proudly, and they are very easy to understand. They're about winning, going fast, and being consistently dominant - stats that mean something.

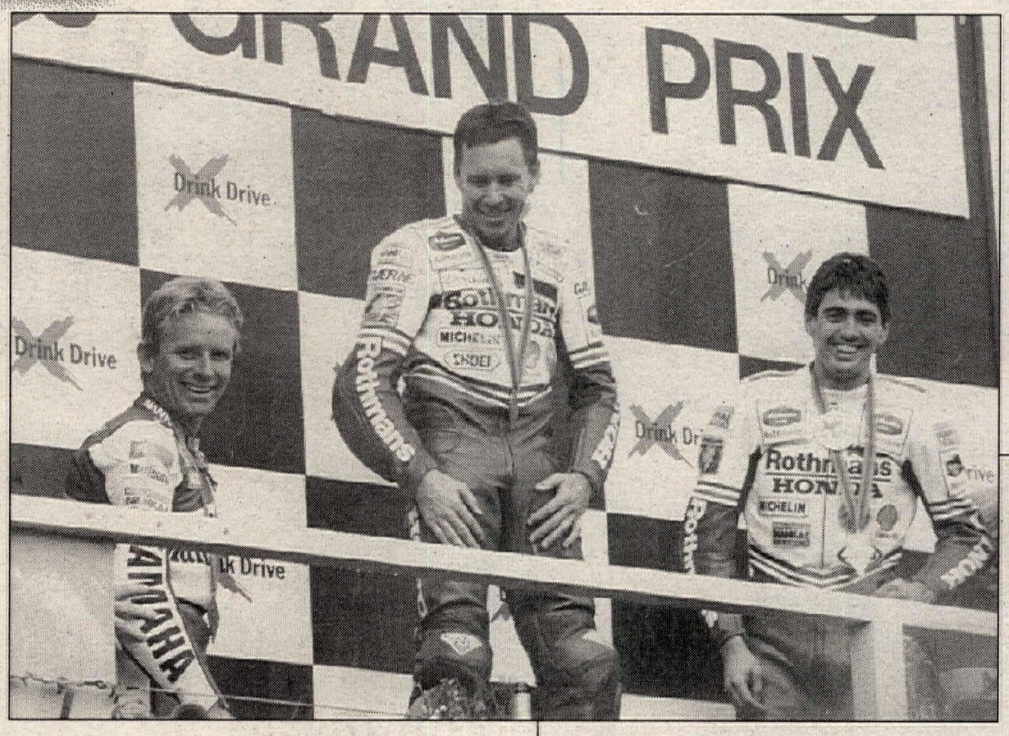
But just in case there is anyone left out there who doubts that Mick Doohan is, today, motorcycle racing's undisputed top dog, and one of the all-time best, we've got some numbers that establish Mick as the modern leader (since 1976) in Career Winning Percentage (38%) and Average Points per Start (17.40), just in front Kenny Roberts (37.9 winning percentage) and Wayne Rainey (17.39 points per start).

Look as these awesome numbers: Mick Doohan has started 121 Grands Prix in the 500cc class and won 46 of them (38%), with 83 podium appearances (68.6%). He has taken the pole 50 times (42.3%) and set the fastest lap 41 times (33.95%). Of all riders to participate in the 500cc class in the "modern era" (when complete statistics became available from the FIM in 1976), he has the highest average points per start at 17.40 (with points adjusted to compensate for the several changes in the points system that have taken place over the last 30 years).

He is one of only three riders ever to win four consecutive 500cc titles (the other two being Giacomo Agostini, who won seven in a row, and Mike Hailwood, who took four in a row).

He didn't equal Italian Giacomo Agostini's perfect 10-for-10 season in 1968 or Brit John Surtees' seven-for-seven year in 1959 (the only two 500cc champions ever to go undefeated over an entire season), but, unlike Agostini and Surtees, who often enjoyed the vast mechanical superiority of four-cylinder MV Agusta machines against a field of rorty British singles, Doohan faced 11 opponents on full-factory four-cylinders last year (five rival Hondas, four Yamahas and two Suzukis).

Doohan was beaten last year in Jerez by Alex Criville, when he had an electrical problem, and by Tadayuki Okada in



Indonesia when the Japanese rider shadowed Doohan the entire race and then pulled off a desperation last-lap pass and made it stick to win his first 500cc Grand Prix. In Phillip Island, his home Grand Prix, Doohan beat himself when he crashed out while leading and pulling away. At the other 12 races, he won. At the last 12 in a row he took the pole and starts this season with the ongoing record streak of consecutive pole positions that he can extend even further.

We are unable to compare Doohan's stat line directly with those of riders such as Agostini, Hailwood, Read, Surtees and other greats from the 500cc class because reliable statistics on true number of starts, pole positions and fastest laps are not available from the FIM prior to the 1976 season. By using the newspaper reports for the day, we have been able to piece together Barry Sheene's stats from 1974 and 1975, allowing us to include Britain's last 500cc World Champion in our comparisons. (Sheene's career links the Agostini years with the Roberts years and Sheene clearly is part of "modern" Grand Prix history, while Agostini, who retired in 1976, is associated with the more distant past.)

Doohan started the 1997 season second in 500cc Career Winning Percentage at 34.8%, behind Kenny Roberts, but his 12 wins in 15 starts have taken him just barely past "King Kenny," who won 22 of his 58 starts between 1978 and 1983. Tenth on the list is America's John Kocinski, who won 4 of 44 starts in the 500cc class between 1991 and 1994. He sat out the '95 season and then roared back to finish third in World Superbike in 1996 with a Ducati and then to win the title on a works Honda in 1997. Just off the list of top modern riders in Winning Percentage is America's Randy Mamola, who won 13 of 145 starts in the 500cc class (9%).

It was usually very easy to find Freddie Spencer in the 500cc grid. Of all modern 500cc riders, "Fast Freddie" holds the highest Pole Position Percentage at 41.9%, and this in spite of several poor seasons after the golden years from 1982 to 1985 that came before the physical problems that cut short his great career. Doohan would need to take two more poles in a row to provisionally better Spencer's Pole Position Average.

Doohan, who starts the 1998 season with an ongoing streak of 12 consecutive pole positions - a new all-time FIM record for the 500cc class - has started on the pole in 50 of his 121 starts.

Only four riders since 1976 have managed to take the pole in more that 30% of their starts: Spencer, Doohan, Venezuelan Johnny Cecotto and Roberts. Cecotto, however, doesn't appear on the list because he started only 34 Grands Prix in the 500cc class, less than the qualifying number of 40 that I've used for this article.

The rider with the highest Fastest Lap Percentage over the last 22 years (since this information became available for FIM timing and scoring officials) is Californian Kenny Roberts, who set the quickest lap in 24 of his 58 starts (41.3%). Roberts' philosophy as a Grand Prix rider was to push to be the fastest rider in every race. He told me once, "Even if you are back in fourth for one reason or another, you can keep the other guy worried if you can do the fastest lap. It keeps the guy looking over his shoulder."

Mick Doohan, with 41 fastest laps in 121 starts, is second in the rankings but is still well back (at 33.9%) of Roberts.

(Top left) Despite Kevin Schwantz's win-or-crash reputation, he still ranks among the world's best in every category - including average points per start.
(Top center) Wayne Gardner atop the podium with rivals Rainey and Doohan. Gardner won 17.6% of the races he started.
(Top right) Freddie Spencer was indeed fast - Spencer was on pole 41.9% of the time.
(Above) Barry Sheene (center) stands with Takazumi Katayama (left) and Wil Hartog. Sheene is seventh on the all-time win list.

500cc-CLASS CAREER POLE-POSITION PERCENTAGES (1976-PRESENT)
(Limited to riders with a minimum of 40 starts in the 500cc class)

Rider	Starts	Poles	Pole Percentage
1. Freddie Spencer	62	26	41.9%
2. Mick Doohan	121	50	41.3%
3. Kenny Roberts	58	18	31.0%
4. Kevin Schwantz	104	29	27.9%
5. Wayne Gardner	102	19	18.62%
6. Barry Sheene	97	18	18.55%
7. John Kocinski	44	8	18.2%
8. Wayne Rainey	83	15	18.1%
9. Luca Cadalora	70	8	11.4%
10. Marco Lucchinelli	87	9	10.3%

(Although he made only 34 starts, Johnny Cecotto had 11 pole positions, enough for a 32.4% on pole, making him third on the list. Even if we charge him with the minimum 40 starts, his pole-position percentage would be 27.6%, good enough for sixth place.)

500cc-CLASS FASTEST-LAP PERCENTAGES (1976-PRESENT)

Rider	Starts	Fastest Lap	Fastest-Lap Percentage
1. Kenny Roberts	58	24	41.3%
2. Mick Doohan	121	41	33.9%
3. Freddie Spencer	62	18	29.0%
4. Wayne Rainey	83	22	26.5%
5. Kevin Schwantz	104	26	25.0%
6. Wayne Gardner	102	19	18.63%
7. Barry Sheene	97	18	18.56%
8. Eddie Lawson	127	21	16.5%
9. Alex Criville	78	8	10.3%
10. John Kocinski	44	4	9.1%

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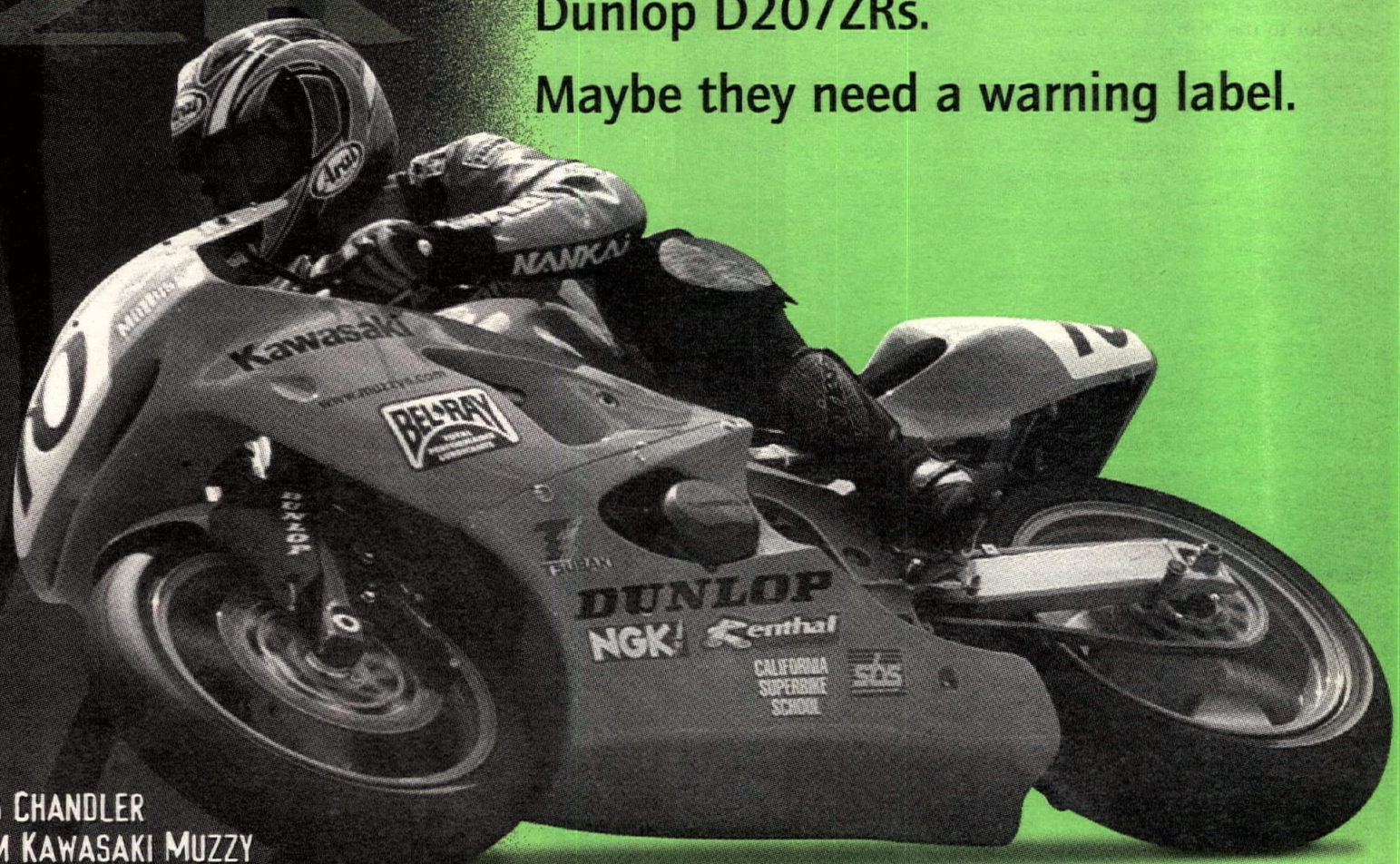

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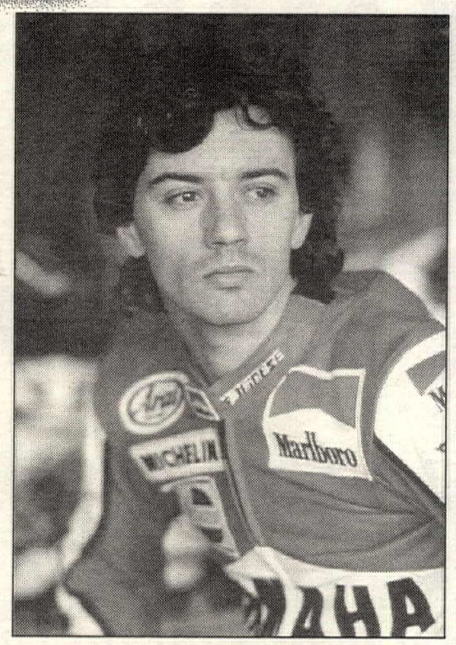
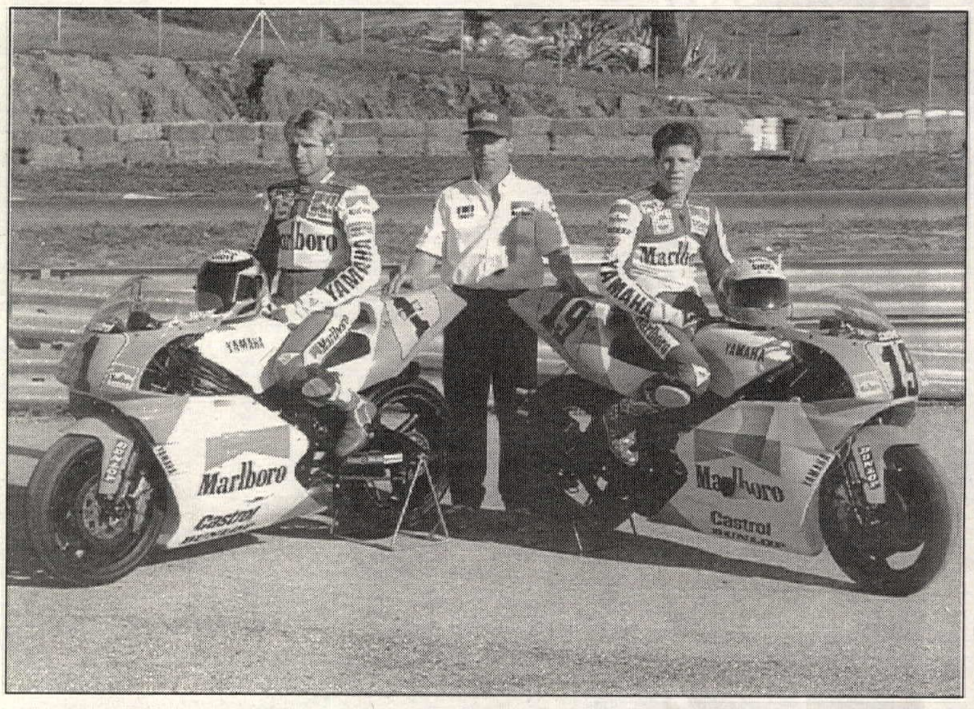
The best measure of effectiveness for a GP rider is probably measured in Average Points per Start. Doohan set a new record for most points in a single season last year when he scored 340 points and won 12 of 15 races. In spite of going scoreless when he crashed while leading the final GP of the season, Doohan starts this season provisionally in front of Wayne Rainey by just .01 of a point in the list of top GP scorers in the 500cc class. Only three modern riders have managed better than a 17-points-per-start average: Doohan, Rainey and Roberts. "Steady Eddie" Lawson would probably have been in this select company had he not spent his final two seasons riding the less-competitive Cagiva.

So, what does it all mean? Just that the 50th anniversary year of the FIM Road Racing World Championship Grands Prix, as the series is cumbersomely titled, begins with one man holding a huge advantage in all the vital departments and starting his 10th season on the same team, still riding the bike that he has developed and refined since 1989.

On paper Doohan looks unbeatable and he certainly hasn't looked any less unbeatable in off-season testing, although Kocinski was quicker than Doohan at Eastern Creek, a track Doohan hates anyway. Since we introduced this discussion of stats and their relevance by talking about baseball, perhaps the best reaction to all these dire numbers foretelling another Doohan runaway might be found in the title of the appendix to Jim Bouton's "Ball Four": "Tell Your Statistics to Shut Up." And the best preseason quote from a 500cc challenger has to be from one of the most underrated riders out there, Spain's hard-as-nails Carlos Checa.

Checa, teammate to Kocinski on the MoviStar Honda Pons squad, told me in Jerez during the IRTA tests, "I was so focused on beating Doohan last year that I literally didn't even see the other riders on the track sometimes. I ran into (Norifumi) Abe once because I had my eyes on Doohan's rear wheel and didn't even see the Yamaha. I feel that we young riders have got to beat Doohan or he'll just keep winning and winning. I think there are too many riders in 500 who are happy to finish second and who are just waiting for Doohan to retire. If you think of Doohan like a god who can't be beaten, you might as well buy a ticket and go sit in the grandstands and cheer." CN





(Above) Luca Cadalora stands ninth on the all-time win list.
(Top right) Rainey, Roberts and John Kocinski. Kocinski shares all the lists with the greats, and among active riders is second only to Doohan in winning percentage.
(Right) Venezuelan Johnny Cecotto only had 34 starts in the 500cc class. But even if you credit him with the minimum 40, he'd still be sixth on the pole-position list.

500cc-CLASS AVERAGE POINTS PER START (1976 TO PRESENT)

(All points adjusted to current scoring system*)

Rider	Starts	Points	Ave. Pts./start
1. Mick Doohan	121	2106	17.40
2. Wayne Rainey	83	1443	17.39
3. Kenny Roberts	58	995	17.16
4. Eddie Lawson	127	2018	15.89
5. Wayne Gardner	102	1449	14.21
6. Kevin Schwantz	104	1419	13.64
7. Freddie Spencer	62	791	12.76
8. John Kocinski	44	547	12.43
9. Alex Criville	78	934	11.97
10. Luca Cadalora	68	800	11.43

(Nobuatsu Aoki, who has made only 15 starts in the 500cc class, currently is averaging 11.93 points per start.)

*1st. 25 pts., 2nd. 20 pts., 3rd. 16 pts., 4th. 13 pts., 5th. 11 pts., 6th. 10 pts., etc. down to 1 point for 15th.

500cc WINNING PERCENTAGE/PODIUM PERCENTAGE AMONG CURRENT RIDERS

#	Rider	Country	Bike	Starts	Wins	Poles	Fastest Laps	Podiums	Winning %	Podium %
1	Doohan	Aus	Honda	121	46	50	41	83	38.0	68.6
19	Kocinski	USA	Honda	44	4	8	4	18	9.1	40.9
4	Criville	Spain	Honda	78	6	6	8	30	7.7	38.4
2	Okada	Japan	Honda	30	1	4	3	11	3.3	36.6
8	Checa	Spain	Honda	34	1	0	3	6	2.9	17.6
5	Abe	Japan	Yamaha	46	1	0	1	6	2.2	13.0
9	Barros	Brazil	Honda	101	1	0	3	8	0.9	7.9

Seven of the 24 riders entered in the 1998 500cc World Championship have scored wins in this class prior to the start of the season. Doohan, with 46 wins, has scored over three times more 500cc wins than the combined total of the rest of the field.

VITAL 500cc-CLASS STATS FOR OTHER FACTORY RIDERS

#	Rider	(Age)	Country	Bike	Starts	Wins	Poles	Fastest Laps	Podiums	Best-ever Finish	Best-ever Qualifying
3	N. Aoki	(26)	Japan	Suzuki	15	0	0	0	4	2	3
7	Romboni	(29)	Italy	MuZ	21	0	0	0	1	3	2
10	Roberts Jr.	(24)	USA	Modenas	28	0	0	0	0	4	3
11	Crafer	(28)	NZ	Yamaha	5	0	0	0	0	9	17
12	Bayle	(29)	France	Yamaha	29	0	1	0	0	4	1
14	Borja	(28)	Spain	Honda	41	0	0	0	0	7	10
15	Gibernau	(25)	Spain	ROC	15	0	0	0	0	6	5
21	Goorbergh	(27)	NL	Honda	15	0	0	0	0	11	4
17	Fujiwara	(23)	Japan	Suzuki	1	0	0	0	0	DNF	4
55	Laconi	(22)	France	Yamaha	11	0	0	0	0	5	8

NEW 500cc RIDERS WITH NO 500cc EXPERIENCE

(Record shown from other GP classes)

#	Rider	(Age)	Country	Bike	GP Class	Starts	Wins	Poles	Laps	Podiums	GP Debut
6	Biaggi	(26)	Italy	Honda	250	87	29	33	28	53	'91, 250
18	McCoy	(25)	Aus	Honda	125	59	2	1	0	7	'92, 125
22	Gimbert	(20)	France	Honda	250	2	0	0	0	0	'96, 250
23	Wait	(21)	USA	Honda	500	0	0	0	0	0	Never raced GP
18	Waldmann	(31)	Ger	Modenas	250	56	12	5	9	30	'94, 250
					125	55	6	2	6	15	'89, 125
					80	12	0	0	0	0	'87, 80
88	Smart	(23)	UK	Honda	250	3	0	0	0	0	'95, 250

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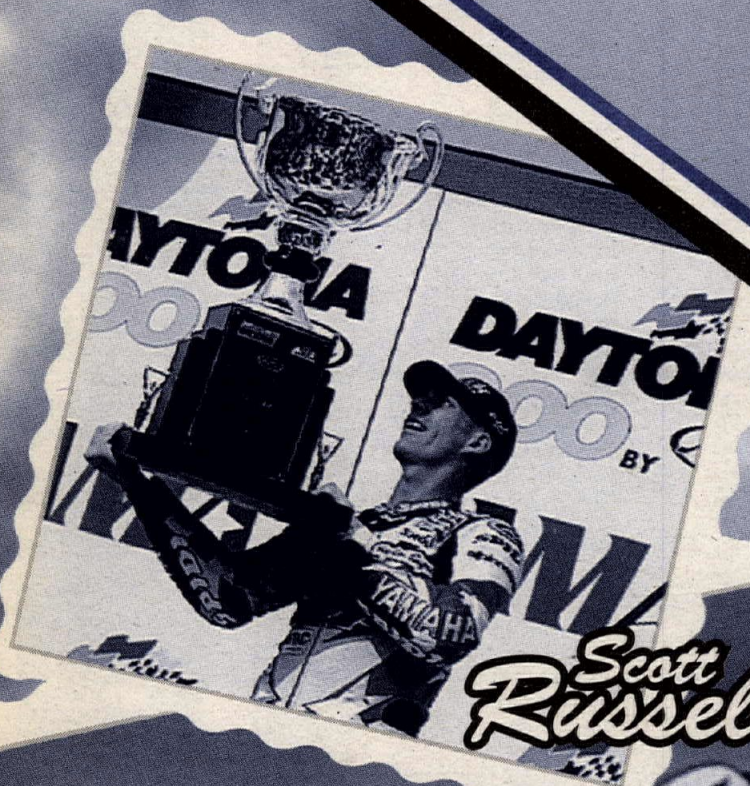

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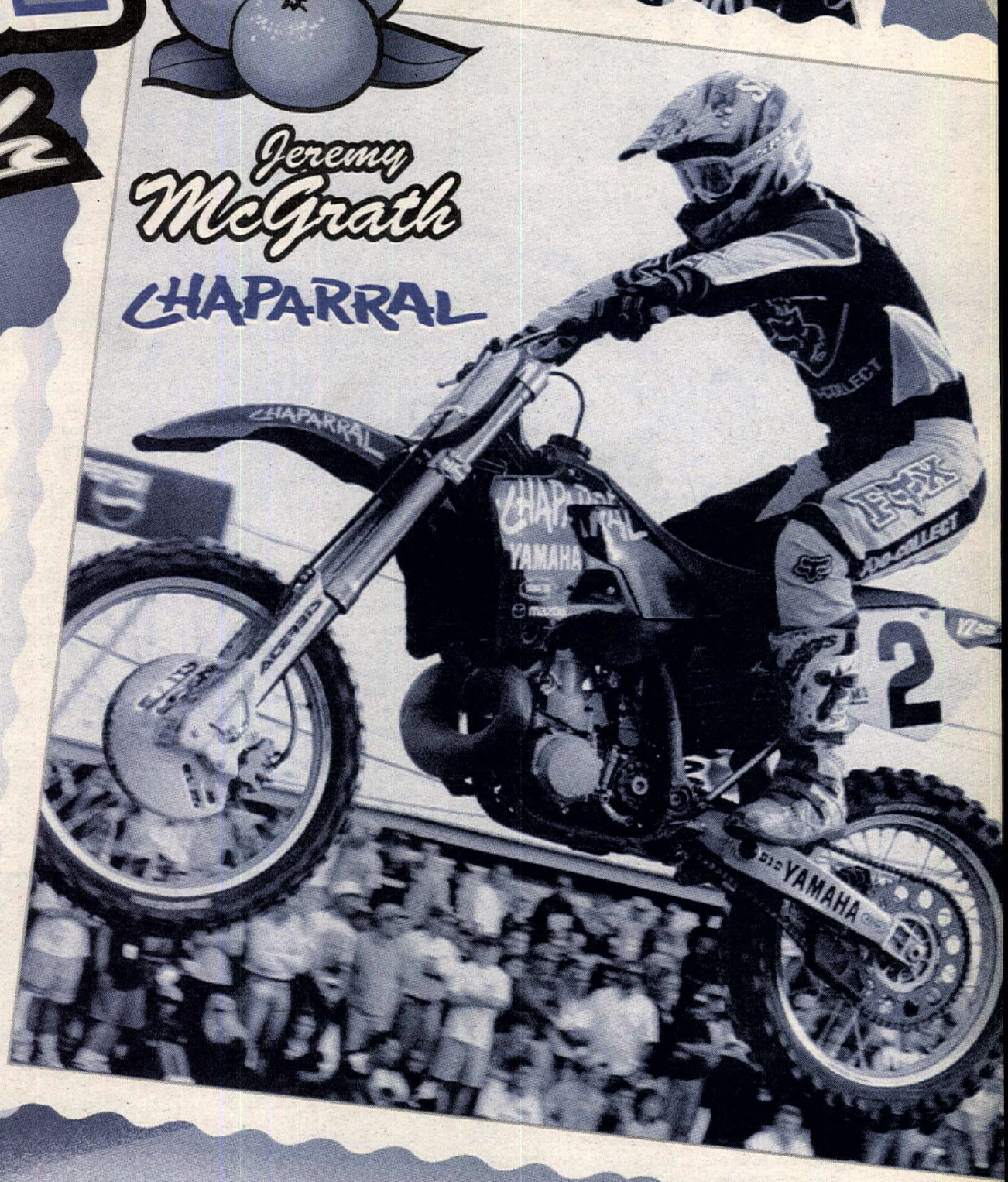
Daytona 1998

In 57 laps and two lightening-fast pit stops, Scott Russell won Yamaha's 18th Daytona 200. His new scorecard: five wins, and four Rolex watches: Congratulations Mr. Daytona.

Tallying his 50th career Supercross win, Jeremy McGrath, took his Chaparral/Yamaha YZ250 to his fifth victory of the season. Two big races, two prestigious wins. Good reason to call Daytona "Yamaha Beach".



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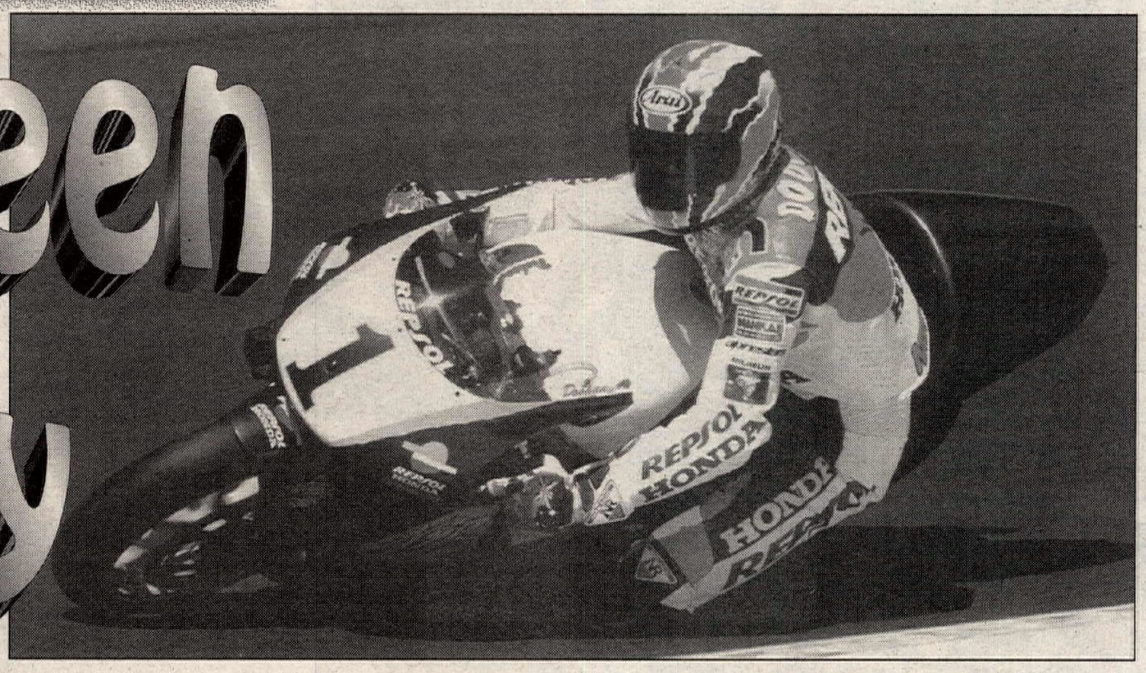

By Michael Scott
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For the past four years, Grand Prix racing has consisted of a series of anticlimaxes for a dwindling number of spectators. Mick Doohan bestrides the landscape like a colossus, and whenever it has seemed that maybe another rider might arise to challenge him, the end result has been the same: Not this time, Mr. Upstart.

Things might be a little different this year - with close racing as a prospect, and something to bring the spectators back again. Mechanical changes, some new personnel, and the ever-shifting sands of racing fortune all combine to suggest that Doohan's attempt to win a classic fifth straight title could be harder than any of the previous four.

Preseason times have been packed up very tight indeed, with all the factory teams closing up, and it is not overly optimistic to say that we could be in for a bumper season of knockabout 500cc racing again, after too many seasons of hopeless processions.

Not that Doohan is anything but the favorite. It's just that he'll need more luck on his side this year. A couple of bad Sunday afternoons could open the door for a number of other hopeful candidates - among them the always-fast and sometimes-redoubtable prodigal son returned, John Kocinski.

There's a prodigy in the 250cc class as well. Four-time champion Max Biaggi has gone up to 500s, but 125cc World Champion Valentino Rossi has moved up to take his place. And the Spice Boy of GP racing has been breaking records left, right and center in preseason tests.

The mechanical change is the most important. From this year on, all classes will burn unleaded gas. This move to "Green Gas," already once postponed, represents a major hindrance across the board. While earlier objections that the finicky two-stroke racers would suffer frequent seize-ups seem to have evaporated (in Japan they have already raced lead-free for two seasons), there is no doubt that they will all lose power. It is variously estimated that the new gas will cost between 8 and 10 percent at the top end.

In the smaller classes, the 125s and 250s, this will surely be a difficulty. The 125s in particular spend a lot of time at or near full throttle, and they will really miss what they have lost, while the 250s will have to scratch hard to make up lost lap times. But it's rather different for the 500s, overpowered as they are, for they spend only a fraction of a lap at full throttle on all but the very fastest tracks - and there aren't many of those left these days.

Knocking the big V-fours back by 10 percent actually does most of the riders a big favor. It makes the world's fastest racing motorcycles easier to ride. Instead of struggling to attain the almost impossible limits of the V-fours in their previous variants, riders now find that those limits have been brought back to be within the reach of more of them than before.

In simple terms, it means that a greater number of people will be able to get close to the perfect lap time. Sounds good to me.

It's probably good news also for rivals to the V-four establishment - especially the riders of the Modenas V3 lightweights (the V-twin Aprilia has withdrawn). True, they will also lose power - but less in sheer numbers, because they had less to lose in the first place. And revisions to the year-old design promise a better engine than last year in any case, so the gap will be narrowed.

All but one of the V-four riders, meanwhile, have every reason to be delighted. IRTA and other joint test sessions have yielded whisker-close lap times, with both Yamaha and Suzuki times well up with the Hondas, and all packed up tight. Not only can the non-Honda riders hope for some good racing among themselves, they are closer now than for several seasons to those dastardly and usually invincible V-four NSRs. And those who do have a Honda between their legs are in turn closer to that dastardly Doohan.

Mick is, of course, the one rider who does *not* benefit from a leveling of the playing field. He thrived when the bikes were more difficult because he alone had the skill to explore and exploit the outer reaches. Hence his decision last year to switch to an earlier pattern of firing order in the otherwise updated motor. While the rest enjoyed the more user-friendly Big Bang, which fired off the pairs within 70 degrees of crank rotation of each other, Doohan brought back the evenly spaced 180-degree "Screamer." It was harder to ride, which flummoxed all his teammates - but he could use its more eager throttle response to advantage. And he did so.

Doohan was openly dismayed when he first rode the lead-free bike in January this year.

"Usually," he explained, "when I've been off the bike for a couple of months, it feels really fast when I get back on. Not this time."

As the season drew closer, promised improvements from HRC failed to materialize, causing Doohan to leave joint tests with Suzuki and Yamaha at Eastern Creek after only two out of four days. Meanwhile, speculation grew that HRC might exhume an even-older crankshaft configuration from the early days of the NSR - with all four cylinders firing separately at equal intervals, every 90 degrees of crankshaft revolution. The return of the wheelspin-crazy Warbler.

But the Green Gas effect may not last the full distance. One reason for the way Suzuki and Yamaha have closed up may be their use of a new American fuel - New Tech - and if this is the case, how long will it be until Elf (Honda's suppliers) catches up?

Team by team, 1998's 500cc-class lineup represents a combination of stability and change. Hondas dominate on numbers, with 15 out of the 24 entries - eight V-fours and seven twins. Yamaha has four entries, Suzuki and Modenas two each, and there is just one MuZ, the former East German firm having taken over the SwissAuto-powered Elf 500s.

Honda's lineup is much as before, though with significant alterations.

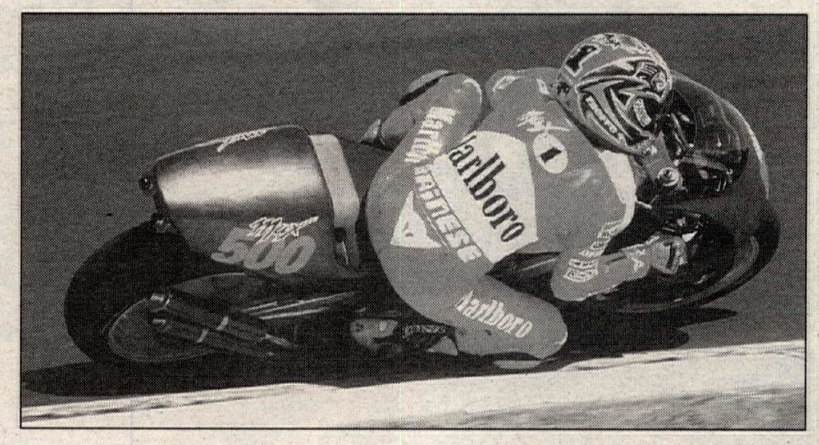
The factory Repsol/HRC team is led as usual by Mick Doohan, with Alex Criville and Tadayuki Okada on identical V-fours - as last year. Takuma Aoki had been scheduled to ride the works V-twin, but sadly he was severely injured in a preseason testing crash. His place was taken for testing by Spaniard Sete Gibernau (after Daryl Beattie and Luca Cadalora had both apparently declined), and the Spaniard is entered also for the first two GPs on the bike. He is likely to see out the season, given reasonable results.

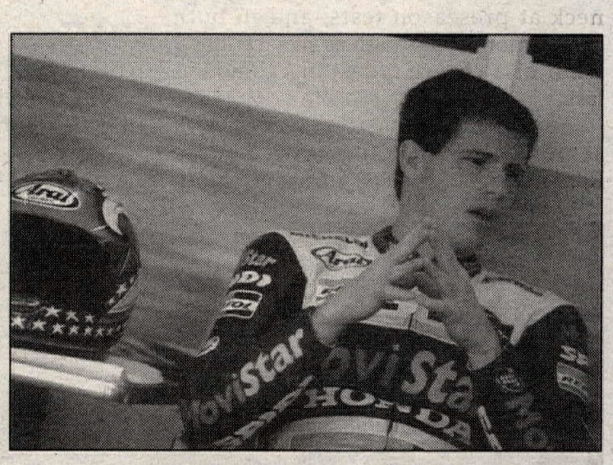
Sito Pons' MoviStar team is again two strong, with Carlos Checa back for another year and Alberto Puig's place taken by World Superbike Champion John Kocinski. Little John has been away from GPs for three years, but returns older and one championship wiser, and (all his dreams come true) on a V-four Honda. GP fans will look to him to break the Doohan stranglehold; whether or not the former GP outcast can redeem his reputation and justify his vast talent is a major point of interest for the year to come.

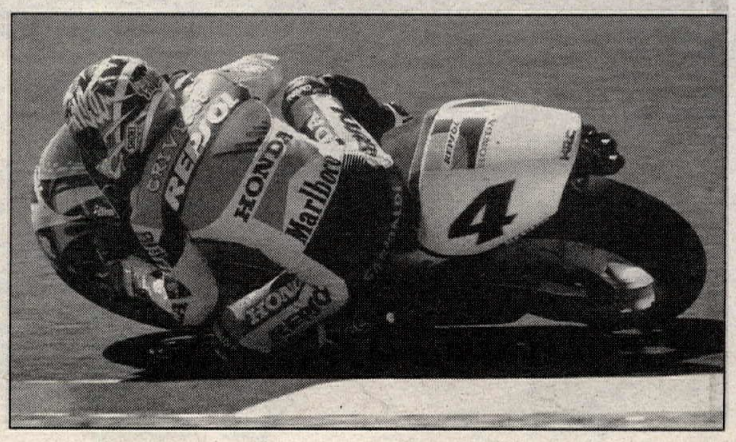
It is not the only one. Max Biaggi has also joined the 500cc class after his historic four-in-a-row 250cc titles. Running with the same Kanemoto-led team in the same Marlboro colors, Italy's towering 250cc star now has double the number of cylinders and cc. Max is, of course, a man with victory his only agenda. How long it will take remains to be seen.

Alex Barros is back on a V-four for Honda Brazil, after a V-twin season.

Then there are the twins: the works







(Top) The man they'll all chase: Mick Doohan. (Above and above right) They've won titles in the 250cc class, but can they win the big one? Max Biaggi and John Kocinski. (Right) Alex Criville could be Doohan's toughest foe.

bike ridden by Gibernau; the Shell Advance pairing of Juan Borja and ex-125cc star Garry McCoy, who should find himself well-suited to the lightweight 500; and Jurgen van den Goorbergh, back for a second year, with the pair of NSR-V machines ridden last year by Barros and equipped with a smattering of factory parts during that time. These are all experienced riders. Three GP newcomers make up the Honda numbers. From Britain, Scott Smart brings a strong racing heritage - his father was noted '70s campaigner Paul, and his uncle is Barry Sheene. Sebastien Gimbert takes over the French twin ridden last year by Laconi, and Fabio Carpani is an Italian last-minute newcomer.

The last V-twin goes to Californian Matt Wait, a former AMA Supersport and 250cc GP rider in at the deep end of the FCC Technical Sports bike ridden to third overall last year by Nobuatsu Aoki.

It takes rather less time and space to enumerate the opposition - especially that from Suzuki, where the continuing desire to add a third rider was again thwarted, leaving a uniquely all-Japanese factory team. Dubbed the Samurai Sanction, Suzuki insists that their rider choice was not motivated by blind patriotism. Nobuatsu Aoki, after all, was a very close third overall last year, in his first attempt at the 500cc class.

The oldest of the three Aoki brothers, Nobuatsu leaped at the chance to take on machine development rather than being one among many at Honda; and an all-new bike - with "controlled flex" extruded beams in place of fabricated members - has so far been on the pace. Nobuatsu was shaken by the serious spinal injury to the middle brother, but, following a family conference, he has reaffirmed his personal commitment to racing, in honor of the wheelchair-bound Takuma.

Suzuki has groomed his teammate for this moment for several years. Katsuaki Fujiwara has raced in only one GP, as a wild card in Japan in 1996. It will not escape notice that he led the opening laps before he was sidelined with machine trouble.

Yamaha and Suzuki were neck and neck at preseason tests, and in both camps morale was high as they caught a whiff of a chance of beating Honda at last.

Yamaha again has two teams, with seniority among them with Wayne Rainey's squad. As last year, the factory squad lacks a big-money sponsor. Yamaha and Castrol are footing the bill together.

Rainey has the senior riders, too - Jean-Michel Bayle returning to Yamaha after a downbeat year on the Modenas, and GP winner Norick Abe returning one year wiser. Times from early tests were impressive, though one-time dirt bike king Bayle suffered a worrisome concussion in a Malaysian fall that cut short his preseason program. Abe seemed more switched-on than at any time in the past. (He's notorious for managing to go fast only during races.)

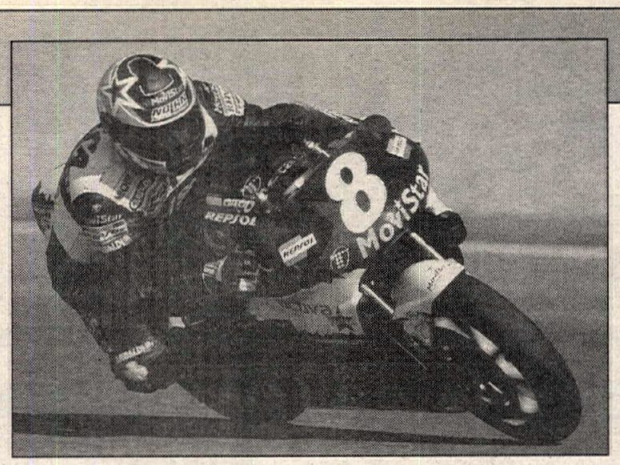
Also on YZRs are the Red Bull team, which rose from the ashes of last year's ill-fated Power Horse squad. Out goes Luca Cadalora, in come Simon Crafar and Regis Laconi. Both have pedigrees: The former pedaled the factory 250cc Suzuki after Kocinski left the team in '93, and raced a factory Kawasaki Superbike last year; Laconi moved to 500s last year from 250s, and was highly impressive on the V-twin Honda, though a big injury spoiled the middle of the year, and Regis was the surprise fastest man at one of the preseason IRTA sessions.

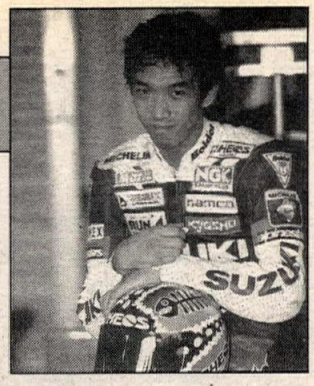
There was a reason for this, said his rivals. The Red Bull team is on Dunlop tires - the first time in two years the Anglo-Japanese firm has shod a V-four 500 - and they were suspected of supplying the team with soft-compound "qualifiers." This worried the Michelin runners. With times so close, grid positions will be hard-fought over, and they may also have to adopt qualifying tires to prevent the Dunlop men from having a start-grid advantage.

Most importantly, Yamaha's proud claim is a new engine so much improved that it is more powerful on Green Gas than last year's motor was running with lead. This is either an admirable achievement, or a major indictment of last year's effort - maybe both.

The Team Roberts Modenas triples will also be Dunlop-shod, which could be a big advantage. The success of Dunlop in the smaller classes shows that when horsepower is not overwhelming, their rubber works very well. This is the case with the Modenas, which will run an updated and revised version of the original engine and chassis for the first few races, while awaiting the new engine, which is expected to have a balance shaft to tame the highly destructive vibrations.

Kenny Roberts Jr. remains on strength for a second year, and will ride in Proton colors after Roberts Sr. secured further research and financial backing from the Malaysian car manufacturer, part of the same industrial group as Modenas.





(Left) Carlos Checa has been strong during testing. (Above) Nobuatsu Aoki - armed with Suzukis for '98.

The other bike will be in Marlboro livery - it is understood Roberts has hung on to his long-standing backing only because he agreed to sign up Ralf Waldmann, moving up from the 250cc class to a saddle that might suit him well.

Which leaves just one - a sort-of factory bike entered by Malaysian-owned MuZ, which took over the now-defunct ex-East German MZ works and now produces a small range of Yamaha-powered single-cylinder 600s. The racer is also bought-in: It's the former Elf 500, with a ROC chassis and the SwissAuto V-four motor. MuZ promises greater engineering input in the future, but admits it is still learning at this stage.

MZ does, of course, have a glorious GP history. It was MZ who invented the modern two-stroke racer, when engineer Walther Kaaden discovered and developed the expansion-chamber exhaust as an acoustic aid to performance. Rider Ernst Degner defected to the West with the aid of Suzuki, who gained access to these vital secrets.

250cc: BABY SPICE SHOWS UP

Doubtless it is because the machines are less daunting, but the 250cc riders in general seem to have more fun than those on the 500s. This will be severely put to the test this year by funster Valentino Rossi. All the other 125cc riders seemed to enjoy getting beaten by him last year, but the established 250cc men might find that it somehow diminishes their pleasure.

Of course, it's a lot to assume that the blue-rinse 20-year-old will beat them; but his preseason testing performances have been more than impressive. He's been quicker than his Aprilia teammates Loris Capirossi and Tetsuya Harada on almost every occasion, and he has hardly stopped giggling all winter.

The Aprilia factory team numbers four World Championships among the above trio of riders, making up in decorations what it loses in numbers to Honda. Three privateers - Jurgen Fuchs riding for Docshop, fast Argentine Sebastian Porto, and new teammate and compatriot Federico Gardner - bring Aprilia's numbers up to just six.

Honda dominates in this class as well, with 11 runners. Four of them will ride full works NSRs: Olivier Jacque and Tohru Ukawa, both with star turns last year; ex-125cc champ Haruchika Aoki; and ex-Aprilia protégé Stefano Perugini.

The factory bike is totally changed for this year, with the long-serving single-crank V-twin motor dumped in favor of a tandem V-twin twin-crank motor. It is much like that used by the Aprilia, except that Honda has retained their reed-valve induction whereas the Italian bike has rotary disc valves.

Private Honda riders are on familiar-style V-twins - most notable among them Ulsterman Jeremy McWilliams, whose ex-Tsujimura factory-kitted RS is also a rolling test bed for electronic innovations by his sponsors Optima.

A complex and in-flight reprogrammable engine-management system also has the facility to operate fuel injection, though this is still experimental.

Other Honda men are Davide Bulega from Italy, Jacque's Tech-3 Chesterfield teammate William Costes, Yasu Hatekayama and Luca Boscoscuro from last year, with newcomers Roberto Rolfo and British hope Jason Vincent.

Yamaha is not fielding any official works bikes, but their production machine has been upgraded, and there will be five of them out there. Last year's campaigners Luis d'Antin, Franco Battaini, Jose-Luis Cardos and Osamu Miyazaki are joined by former top private Honda runner Takeshi Tsujimura; and so far this year's bike looks a lot closer to being competitive than last year's.

Which leaves only Suzuki, with regular man Noriyasu Numata lining up for a second season, with the benefit of track familiarity. He has a new teammate: impressive young Swede Johan Stigevelt, who showed well at preseason tests.

125cc: JAPAN VS. ITALY

In the aftermath of Valentino, Italy is staging an impressive comeback in a class that had turned Japanese. There are 10 Italian riders, against seven Japanese; and while Honda dominates in machines with 11, Aprilia is only one behind.

Bespectacled veteran Noboru Ueda and his countryman Tomomi Manako lead Honda's phalanx, while the Italian Honda faction is well-served also by Gianluigi Scalvini, Lucio Cecchinello, Mirko Giansanti and Roberto Locatelli - an impressive mix of youth and experience. Teenage newcomer Marco Melandri also rides a Honda, as well as fast Frenchman Fred Petit.

Aprilia musters former champion Kazuto Sakata and Tomomi Manako, with Emilio Alzamora from Spain their top European - back after a dismal injury-stricken works 250cc season.

Yamaha's men have a new bike for this year, which may mean Youichi Ui won't have to ride so hard - he was a frequent crasher last year. His teammate is again Enrique Maturana; old hand Yoshiako Katoh and newcomer Christian Manna make up the numbers. CN

Yama-hopes are pinned on Norifume Abe (Left), Jean-Michel Bayle, Simon Crafar and Regis Laconi (above). (Right) Valentino Rossi moves to the 250cc GPs for '98.

Round 1: Municipal Stadium

Richtmeyer starts strong

By Matt Benson

DAYTONA BEACH, FL, MAR. 3

George Richtmeyer Jr. entered the 1998 season carrying a trio of number-one plates. And if his performance this night was any indication, Richtmeyer's competitors have their work cut out for them if they intend to dethrone him from atop any of the classes. The New Yorker swept to wins on three very different machines - a brakeless, rigid-frame Triumph 500cc twin in Classic 500/750cc; a Montesa two-stroke single in Sportsman 250cc; and a big-gun Yamaha 750cc twin in Sportsman 750cc.

More than 90 entries turned out to do battle on the slick Daytona Municipal Stadium short track in the first of two AHRMA Bike Week nationals. Normally, the vintage program here is mixed in with the large AMI-sponsored southeast regional event on Sunday evening. But for '98 it was moved to Tuesday and run alone during the evening after the other AMA Amateur, Youth and Pro classes were finished. The Vintage competitors were pleased with the change, and a fair-sized crowd turned out to watch the old bikes.

Manhattan, Illinois, racer George Wills has dominated the pre-1952 Dinosaur class on his hand-shifting Harley-Davidson WR, but Winder, Georgia's Beno Rodi is stepping up as a serious challenger. Rodi and his 1950 Royal Enfield got the holeshot in the final and held off Wills for several laps. After the hard-charging Harley rider finally got past, Rodi continued to hang close all the way to the checkered flag.

While Classic 250cc-class champ John Bova of Wadsworth, Ohio, had his Bultaco out front from start to finish, there was a good three-way race for second behind him in this pre-'67 brakeless class. Duel-

(Above) George Richtmeyer Jr. (1) swept to wins in three classes at Daytona's Municipal Stadium, round one of AHRMA's dirt track series. Here, winner Richtmeyer leads Brad Holt (50S) in Sportsman 250cc. Holt finished second, but won the Sportsman 600cc race. (Left) George Wills topped the Dinosaur class on his old Harley.

ing over second were Joseph Gateley on a Triumph, Californian Maurice Ortega on a Bultaco and Harley Sprint-mounted Michael Connell from Iowa. After running in the third spot behind Gately for most of the race, Ortega finally got past and held on to the runner-up position ahead of Gately and Connell in fourth.

The second Classic 500/750cc heat race provided something of a preview of the final, as Michigan rider Craig Breckon managed to hold off the aggressive Richtmeyer for several laps before making a mistake and letting the class champ past. When they thundered off the line in the final, it was again Breckon out front, hounded by Richtmeyer. Closely bunched some distance back were Wills, Ortega and Gary Brennan - everyone in the top five running a Triumph 500.

Richtmeyer jammed his way into the lead and never looked back on the second of eight laps, as Wills broke away from Ortega and Brennan and set his sights on Breckon. A couple of laps later, Wills caught and passed Breckon, but the Sparta, Michigan, rider shadowed Wills all the way to the finish.

San Diego, California's Brad Holt was determined not to make the Sportsman 250cc win an easy one for Richtmeyer. The Bultaco rider stayed close behind and used late-race traffic to close within two bike lengths of Richtmeyer by the finish. Third was Pennsylvanian Dave Scheffer on a Harley-Davidson MX250.

Sportsman 600cc began with a three-man race for the lead involving Honda-mounted Rod Lake of San Jose, California, Holt on a Bultaco and Illinois Yamaha rider David Allen. At the halfway point, Lake brought out the red flag when he fell while leading. Holt was at the head of the line for the single-file restart, and he jetted away to an uncontested win. Allen was second, ahead of John Hildebrand and Ortega, while Lake worked his way up to seventh in the 12-rider final.

Arnie Mahnke grabbed the Sportsman 750cc holeshot aboard his Norton, but Richtmeyer dived underneath his fellow New Yorker by the time they reached turn four, then opened an unapproachable lead to the finish. Behind Mahnke was a good race for third, won by Darrell Bryant over Brian Eckhart.

Maico man Gig Hamilton of Osceola Mills, Pennsylvania, got a pair of holeshots in the Over 50 Senior class. The second one came after somebody exploded a hay bale on the back straight and the race had to be stopped for cleanup. Fred Weese held on to the second spot all race, while a race over third between Rodi and class champ Gary Brennan went to Rodi after the pipe fell off Brennan's Triumph near the race's end. CN

Municipal Stadium
Daytona Beach, Florida
Results: March 3, 1998 (Round 1 of 18)

DINO: 1. George Wills (H-D); 2. Beno Rodi (Enf); 3. Leo Jovanovic (H-D); 4. William Worthington (Tri); 5. Dick Zrubek (H-D).

CLSC 250: 1. John Bova (Bul); 2. Maurice Ortega (Bul); 3. Joseph Gately (Tri); 4. Michael Connell (H-D); 5. Mike Metzler (Tri).

CLSC 500/750: 1. George Richtmeyer Jr. (Tri); 2. George Wills (Tri); 3. Craig Breckon (Tri); 4. Maurice Ortega (Tri); 5. Gary Brennan (Tri).

SPTSMN 250: 1. George Richtmeyer Jr. (Mon); 2. Brad Holt (Bul); 3. Dave Scheffer (H-D); 4. David Allen (Hon); 5. Maurice Ortega (Bul).

SPTSMN 600: 1. Brad Holt (Bul); 2. David Allen (Yam); 3. John Hildebrand (BSA); 4. Billy Kennedy (BSA); 5. Craig Breckon (Tri).

SPTSMN 750: 1. George Richtmeyer Jr. (Yam); 2. Arnie Mahnke (Nor); 3. Darrell Bryant (Yam); 4. Brian Eckhart (Tri); 5. James Tumlin (Tri).

SR: 1. Gig Hamilton (Mai); 2. Fred Weese (Tri); 3. Beno Rodi (BSA); 4. Bruce King (Hon); 5. Marvin Long (Hon).

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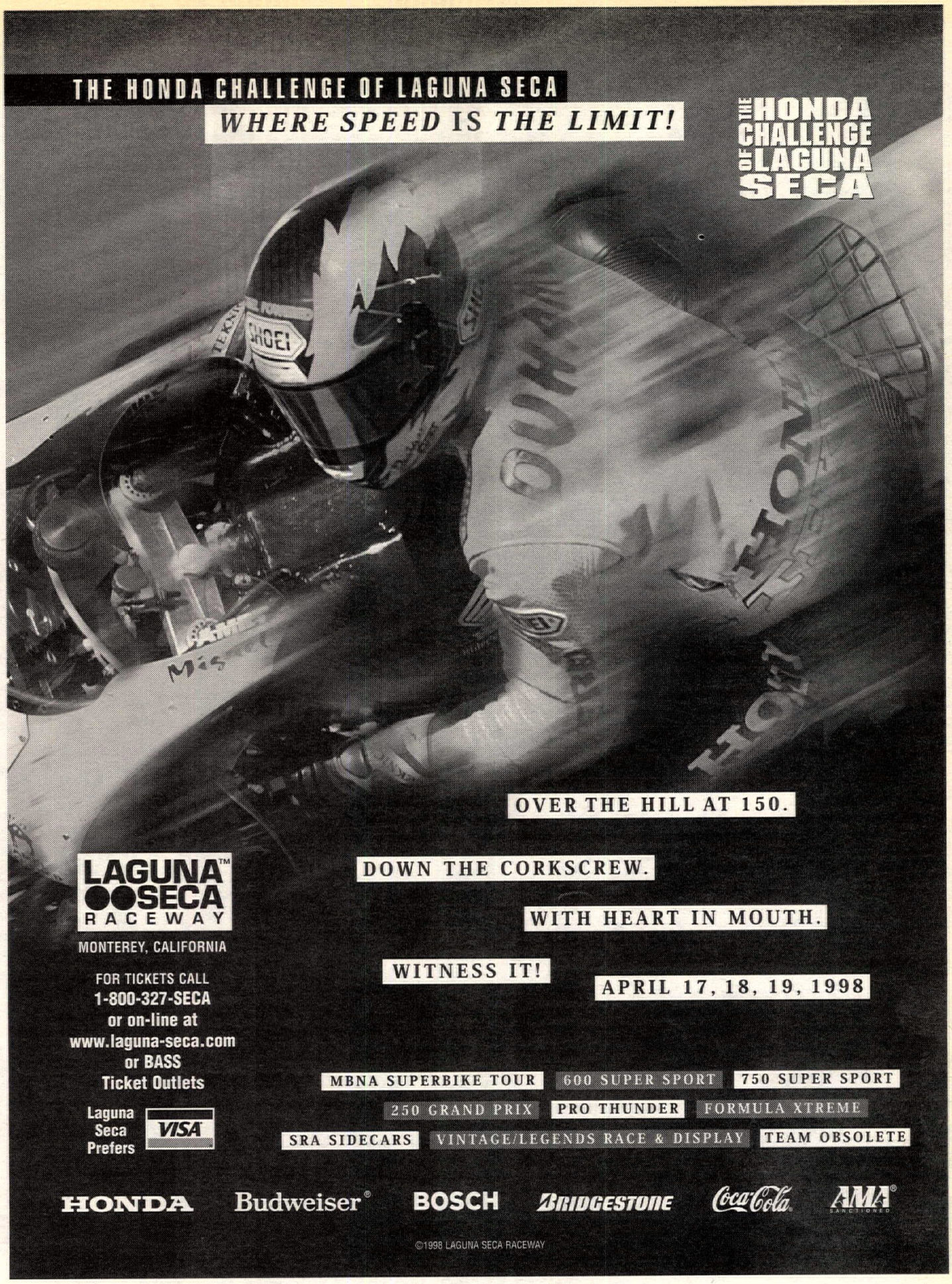
Round 3 - Rosamond, California, May 2



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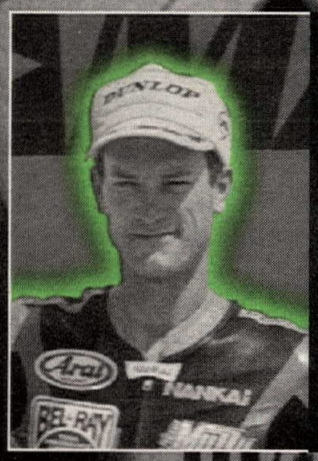

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Round 4 AMA 125cc Eastern Regional Supercross Series

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Chandler set a new qualifying record in 600cc SuperSport on his new Ninja® ZX-6R. He then proceeded to blow away the field for an easy win, his second in two races this season. On top of that, his second-place Daytona 200 finish put him one point away from the Superbike series lead.

Once again, Ricky Carmichael and his KX125 shattered the laws of physics, as well as the hopes of every other 125 Supercross rider. He won his event by an amazing 37 seconds. In fact, his average lap times were almost a second faster than the 250cc class winner's. What's more, Jeff Emig and his KX250 capped off the weekend with an impressive second-place finish in 250 Supercross.

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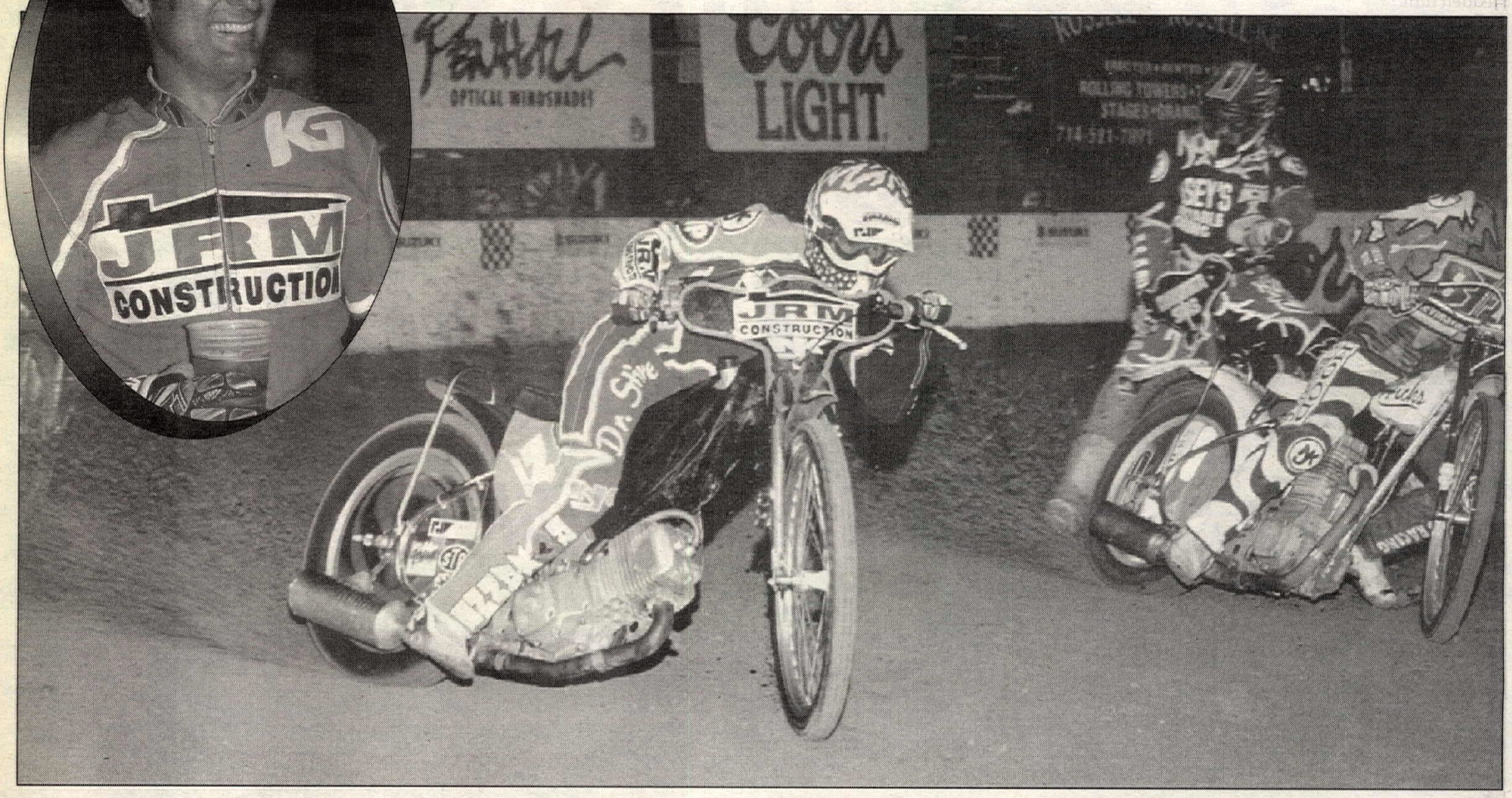

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COSTA MESA, CA, MAR. 7

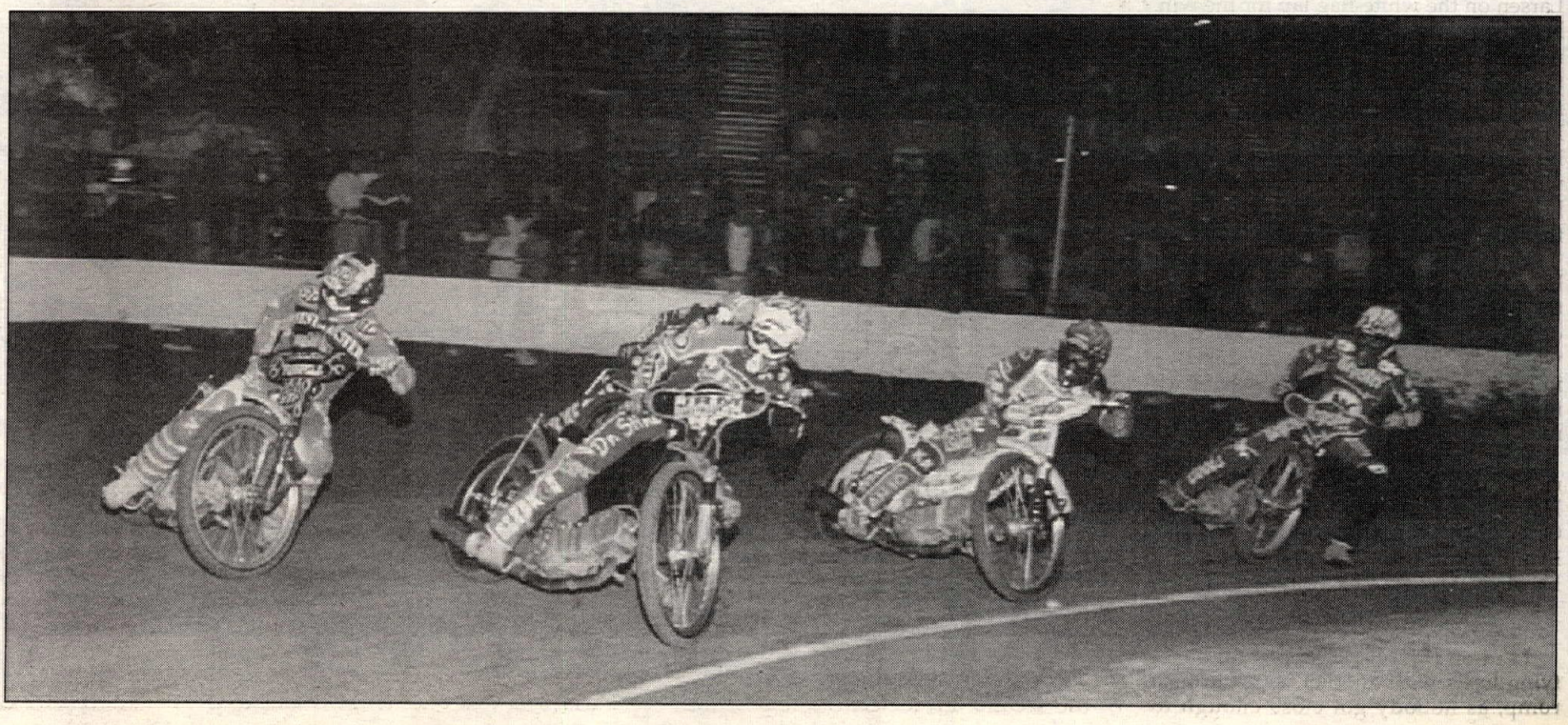
Orange County and the LA Suzuki Dealers got together with International Speedway Inc. to present the Spring Classic to a packed house at the Orange County Fairgrounds in Costa Mesa, thus marking the kickoff of the 30th consecutive year of professional speedway motorcycle racing at the famous Costa Mesa "Bullring."

The entry list was like the Blue Book of speedway. Reigning World Champion Greg Hancock, current U.S. National Champion Mike Faria, 1997 World Champion Billy Hamill and ICE World Champion Charlie Venegas were among the elite field, which also included many riders who campaign overseas, such as Dukie Ermolenko, Chris Manchester and Josh Larsen. The local contingent included top riders Gary Hicks, Shawn McConnell, Bobby Schwartz, Brad Oxley, Andy Northrup, Ed Castro and Gary Ackroyd.

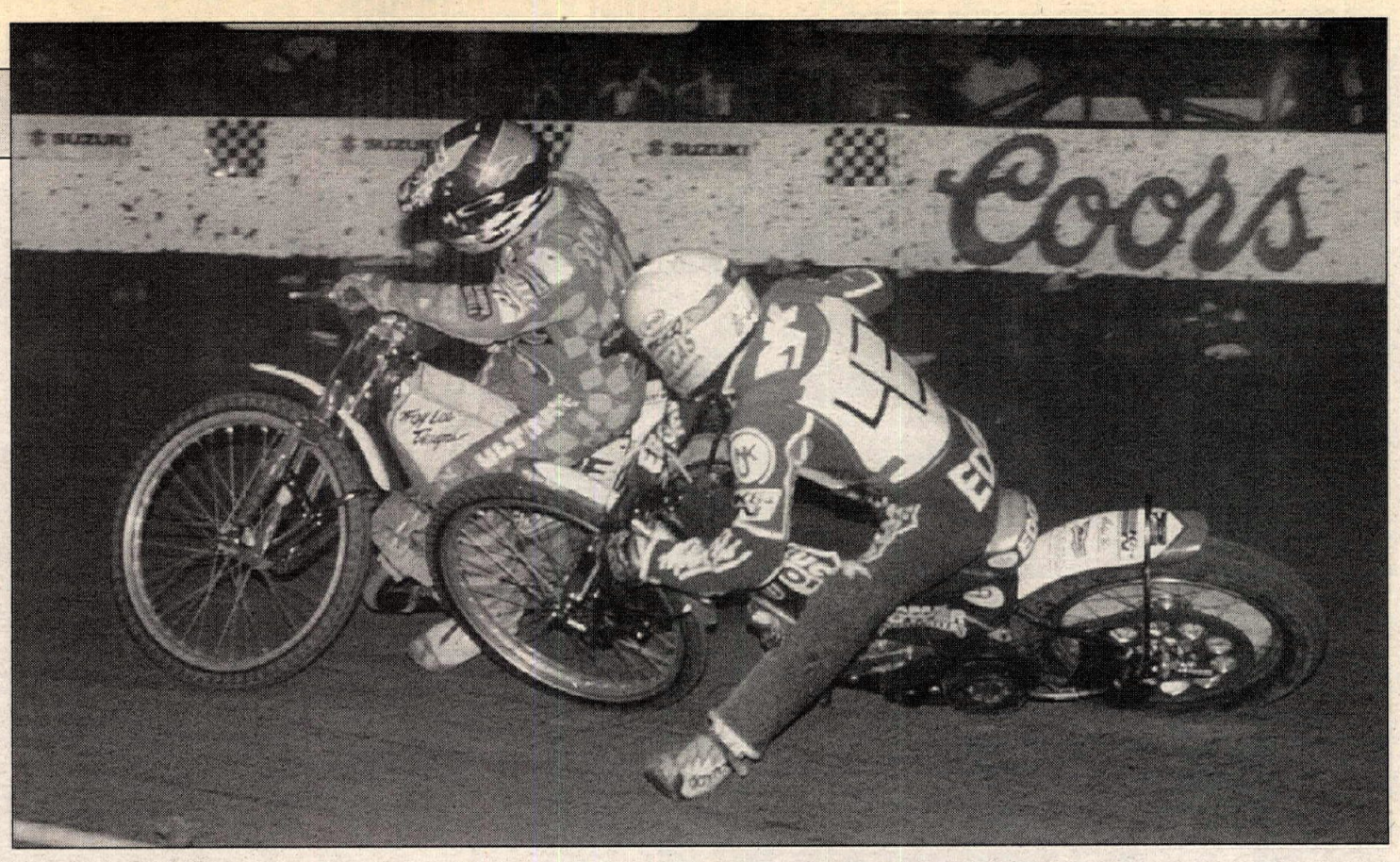
The format was pure heads-up Scratch Racing with three rounds, two semis, a last-chance qualifier and the main event. Five riders were slotted in each four-lap heat, with a scoring system awarding four points for the win, three for second, two for third, one for fourth and zero for fifth.

ROUND 1

Faria fired the opening shot, as he outgated the field in the first race of the night and went wire to wire. Everyone but Faria seemed a little tentative, and a lot of the heats to come would find turns three and four a little rough. Hicks was off second to Faria but lost it to Ackroyd out of four on the last lap. Rick Pearce picked up the fourth, with Kon Baur rounding out the field. Castro was on fire in heat two, as he got the best start and held the rest of the field at bay. Hancock touched the tapes and watched the race from the pits. Brian Pappalardo was right in the mix but he, too, fell victim to the rough spot in four. McConnell was able to get by on the white flag for second, and Bobby Hedden also took advantage of Pappalardo's misfortune to take third.



(Above) Reigning U.S. National Speedway Champion "Flyin'" Mike Faria blitzed to another Spring Classic win at the Orange County Fairgrounds, thus proving that his title win of last October was no fluke.
(Right) Faria (second from left) was fast right out of the gate during the Spring Classic main event, taking the win ahead of a tough field that included two-time U.S. National Champion Bobby Schwartz (left) and former World Champion Billy Hamill (second from right).



Ermolenko was the man to beat in the third heat. He cut the best gate and found the quickest way around the track. Larsen got underneath Schwartz on the second lap and challenged Ermolenko, but time ran out before he could get the job done. David Taylor was third, with Schwartz fourth and Tommy Hedden fifth.

Steve Furman was probably the most surprised rider in the house when he topped Oxley and Manchester to win the fourth heat. Ronnie Kemp was fourth, with Northrup having a tough time with turns one and two, taking the fifth. In the fifth heat, Hamill got an awesome start, as did Venegas. The only problem was that Venegas didn't get through the turn and Hamill did, taking the win. Randy Di Francisco was there to reap the benefit and the second-place points. Paul Binquist with third, with Jones fourth.

ROUND 2

Faria led off the second round the same way he started the first - going wire to wire. Ermolenko tried every line on the track but couldn't find the one that would get him around Faria, and he settled for second. Furman and McConnell raced right to the wire, but McConnell just couldn't get comfortable, and it was Furman taking the checkered in third place. Binnquist rounded out the field with fifth.

Hancock came from behind in the second heat and took the lead from Larsen on the white-flag lap for the win. Northrup was fired up, and he redeemed himself from his first heat by taking the second by a wheel's width from Larsen. Baur was fourth and Di Francisco fifth. Schwartz got on track in his second race and went wire to wire, with Oxley and Ackroyd following him home. Pappalardo and Jones completed the field.

Hamill was looking for a repeat of his first heat win, and he got it as he cut the best gate and showed Bobby Hedden, Taylor, Manchester and Pearce the way home. Venegas made no mistakes in his second heat and put himself back in the hunt as he ran away with the next race.

With two rounds in the books, two riders remained unbeaten: Faria and Hamill were tied with eight points each. One point back were Castro and Ermolenko, with Oxley, Furman and Larsen just two points away.

ROUND 3

Lead-off rider Faria capped his qualifying heats with another start-to-finish romp, as nobody got close enough to challenge the National Champion. With two laps in the books in heat 12, the red flag came out as Pearce was hit with a flying bike while coming off turn two. On the restart, it was Hancock who came out on top. In heat 13, Schwartz cut the best gate, but Hamill had the best line and got by Schwartz one lap into the race. Castro also threw a wrench in the works when he too slipped under Schwartz to take over the second.

Ermolenko put it all together in heat 14 for his final race of the night, and Manchester finally settled in as they went 1-2. Venegas put together another great ride to assure himself a spot in the semis, as he flew off the line for the win in the final regular heat of the night.

SEMIS

When all the points were added up, there had to be a runoff between Schwartz, Ackroyd and Furman for the remaining semi spot. Ackroyd drew the pole, with Furman in the center of the track and Schwartz on the outside. It was no contest as Schwartz took it to them, and it was practically over when the gate came up. The final spot went to Schwartz.

The first semi had Faria on the pole, with Castro in two. Oxley drew the three slot, with Larsen in four and Bobby Hedden in five. Faria again outgated the field and went wire to wire to remain undefeated for the night. Joining him with a direct transfer to the main was Oxley, who got around Larsen on the second lap to secure the position. Larsen and Castro would have one more shot in the LCQ.

The second semi had Hamill on the pole, with Hancock in two. Ermolenko was in three, with Venegas and Schwartz in four and five. Venegas got the gate and took the lead, with Hamill and Schwartz in hot pursuit. Unfortunately for Schwartz, no one made a mistake, and it would be Venegas and Hamill with the direct transfer. Schwartz and Hancock would meet again in the LCQ.

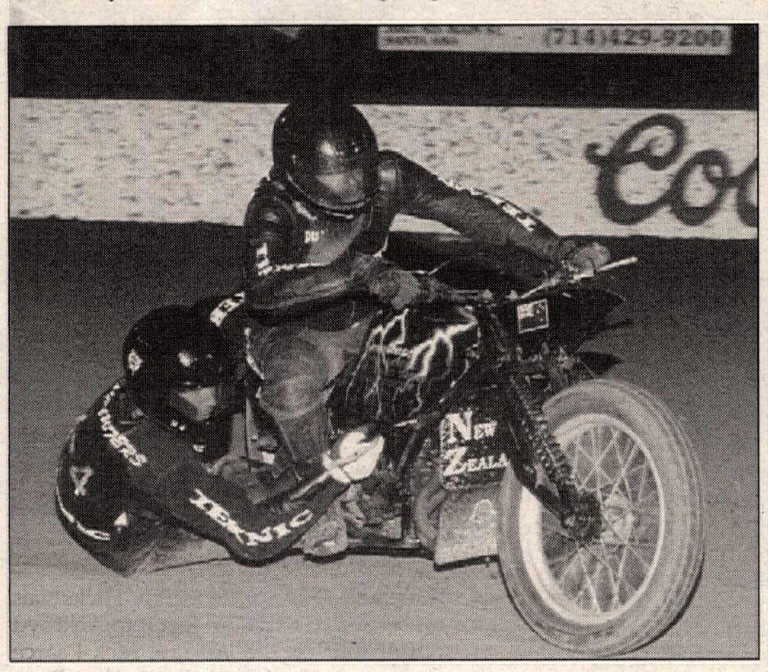
Hancock drew the pole in the last-chance qualifier, with Schwartz on the outside. Larsen and Castro were in two and three. Schwartz cut a great gate and jumped into the lead, with Castro second and Hancock and Ermolenko third and fourth. On the second lap, Hancock was trying to go around Castro out of two. Castro came out high and only the incredible skill of Hancock saved him from what should have been a very serious crash. It did cost him any chance he might have had at the main event, as he finished fourth. Schwartz was not to be denied, and with the most rides of the night under his belt, he was the final rider in the feature.

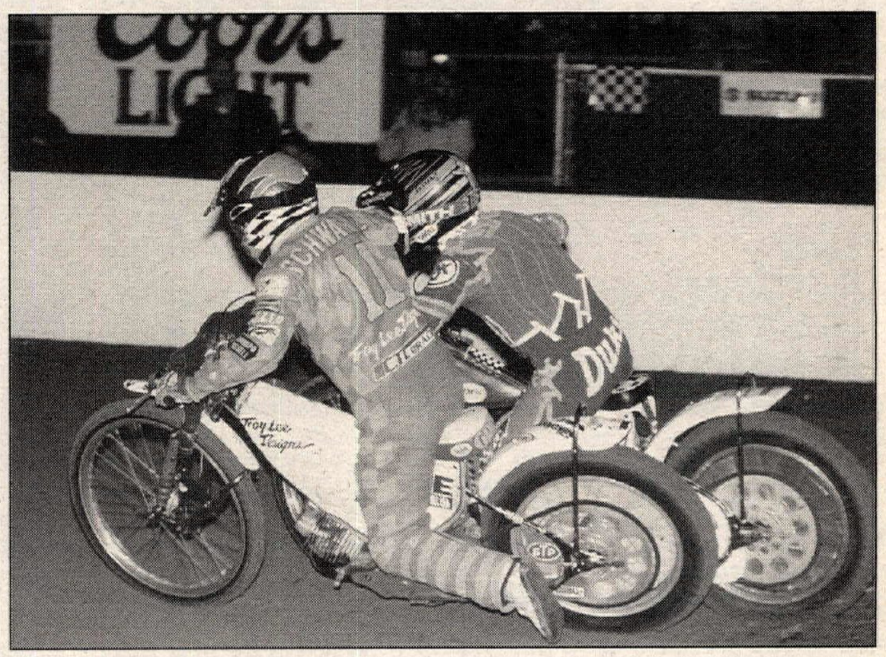
MAIN EVENT

The draw for the pole went to Oxley, with Faria in two and Hamill in three. Venegas was in four and, as had been the case all night, Schwartz was on the outside in five. When the gate came up, Faria was two bike lengths ahead as they hit the first corner. Hamill was running second, with Schwartz in third. Oxley and Venegas were fighting over fourth, with Oxley ahead for laps one and two and Venegas taking over on lap three. On the final lap, Schwartz and Venegas got together in three and both went down. The door was open for Oxley, who came away with the third. Faria, picking up where he left off at the 1997 U.S. National, had started the season in style. He was undefeated all night, and he should be the man to watch when the regular season opens in April. Hamill looked very good with the second and will head back to Europe with Hancock in the hope of leading the Americans to another World Championship.

In other racing action, the Sidecar main went to Duane Carmont and Richard Taling, as they survived a third-lap crash that took out John Matherson and Scott Cole, and Bob Brayton and Parke Weaver.

Weaver was the most seriously injured when all the body inventory was complete and was more than happy to ride off the track on his pushed bike. Stuart Gless and Deion Stokes were second, with Alan Hall and Dirk Votaw third. CN





(Above) Charlie "The Edge" Venegas (43) plans to bring back his own brand of excitement to the Costa Mesa fairgrounds this year, as he will reportedly remain in the United States for the 1998 season. (Left) The team of Dwayne Carmont and Richard Taling smoked the competition in the Sidecar main event. (Right) Dukie Ermolenko (partially hidden behind Bobby Schwartz) is also set to remain in America for the '98 racing season, which should only add to the level of competition at the weekly Costa Mesa events.

Orange County Fairgrounds
Costa Mesa, California
Results: March 7, 1998

SPRING CLSSC: 1. Mike Faria (GM); 2. Billy Hamill (GM); 3. Brad Oxley (GM); 4. Charlie Venegas (GM); 5. Bobby Schwartz (GM).

SDCAR: 1. D.Carmont/R. Taling (Hon); 2. S. Glass/D. Stokes (Kaw); 3. A. Hall/D. Votaw (Kaw).

GFI Mazda Truck California Winter Series South, Round 3

(Above) Stephane Roncada had to hunt down early leader Casey Johnson (20) in the 125cc Pro race. Johnson finished second. (Left) Roncada landed the overall in both 125cc and 250cc Pro classes at the GFI Winter Series round at Glen Helen Raceway.

Roncada returns

By Greg Robertson

SAN BERNARDINO, CA, MAR. 8

Honda of Troy's Stephane Roncada bounced back from a mechanical DNF and a bad-start-induced fifth-place showing a week ago to sweep both the 125cc and 250cc Pro classes during the third round of the Mazda Truck/Goat/GFI Eyewear/Circle K/76/GFI Racing-sponsored Winter Series, held at Glen Helen Raceway.

It was the Pro Circuit/SplitFire-backed KX125 rider Casey Johnson who led the 25-rider field down the long start straight as the 30-minute, one-shot 125cc Pro moto got under way. Doug Parsons, Greg Schnell, Christopher Gosselaar and Dustin Evans made up the lead pack, with Roncada quickly moving up to join them within half a lap.

Last week's 125cc Pro winner, Michael Brandes, found himself in last place after the second turn.

"Going into the first left-hander, someone just stopped and I clipped them and went down and got a few bikes over me," Brandes said. "I got up in last place and I figured at least I got 30 minutes to make up the race."

Roncada, meanwhile, was on the move, slipping into third place behind Schnell by the start of lap two. Japanese rider Akira Narita latched on to Roncada's rear fender and had climbed up to fourth, ahead of Gosselaar. It took a few laps for Roncada to find a way around Schnell, but once he did he quickly reeled in Johnson.

At the halfway point, Roncada used a tighter inside line and then outdragged Johnson to the following corner to grab the lead. Schnell continued to run third, ahead of Narita and Yamaha-mounted Espen Blikstad.

Roncada would run an average of a couple of seconds per lap faster than Johnson to greet the checkered flag for the win with some 20 seconds to spare.

"As soon as I got by Casey (Johnson), I pulled away and did my own race," Roncada said. "It was pretty easy because nobody was bothering me, nobody was pushing me. The end of the race was easier than the beginning."

Johnson put about 10 seconds on Schnell in the final laps to finish all by himself in second.

"The nationals are going to be here, so I guess it's pretty good practice to come out here," Johnson said after the race. "I was trying to ride my own race and my arms pumped up a little bit. I've only been back racing a short time (since breaking an ankle) so they pumped up. Roncada was riding real fast. I was pretty content with second, and I wasn't going to ride over my head to try and catch him. I'm just out here having fun and trying to get my conditioning back up."

Brandes' come-from-behind effort was nothing short of remarkable, as the Team Stiffie/Westwood/Tom Morgan Racing-sponsored Suzuki rider worked his way back up through the talented field to pass Schnell for a hard-fought third-place finish with a little over a lap left in the race.

"I kept pushing and pushing and I was catching everybody," explained Brandes. "I was probably going faster than everybody else by a couple of seconds, but when you go from 25th and work up to third it's a lot tougher. Even if you crash, you have to try the whole way. I'd like to thank my mechanic, Ed Staab, for working so hard."

Schnell dropped off the pace in the final lap to finish seventh behind Travis Preston, Espen Blikstad and Chris Wheeler. Nathan Ramsey, Steve Andrich and Parsons rounded out the top 10.

In the 250cc Pro class, Parsons put his YZ250 ahead of 29 other riders off the start, but within a lap it was Roncada running out front. Narita came from his third-place start to challenge Roncada, while Brandes was up to third, ahead of Blikstad and Johnson. Narita hounded Roncada for a couple of laps before he bobbled and fell back slightly.

Brandes closed in on Narita and then stuffed him over a berm to move into second place. Narita was quickly back on the track and all over Brandes. For the next six laps Narita made Brandes' life miserable, as Roncada slowly pulled away from the pair to increase his lead.

Roncada didn't put a wheel wrong, and after 30 minutes he was all alone when the checkers fell.

Brandes appeared to back off the pace slightly on the final lap, which allowed Narita to dog him right up to the final turn. Words were exchanged between Brandes and Narita after crossing the finish line, with both riders taunting and bumping each other and Narita eventually going down in front of a large group of spectators.

Johnson held off a hard-charging Ramsey to earn the fourth-place money. Blikstad brought his YZ250 across for sixth, ahead of Preston, Wheeler and Yoshitaka Atsuta.

Bryan McGavran continued his reign in the 125cc Intermediate class with a perfect 1-1 over a full gate of 36 riders. Good starts kept David Ramsey near the front of the pack for 2-3 rides and second overall. Levi Reid had a great second moto, finishing second to McGavran, but a 15th in round one dropped him to sixth overall behind Masaki Hiratsuka (7-5), Dusty Walters (9-7) and Gary Trachy (5-11).

Ron Gilbert used consistent 3-2 finishes for the 250cc Intermediate win. Todd Mitchell went 5-1 to edge out the 2-4 of Jason Dubin for second overall. Gilbert returned later in the day for a 2-1 showing and second overall in the Over 25 Expert class, behind the 2-1 rides of Jon Zahrt.

KTM-mounted Bryce Terzian posted a perfect four-moto sweep of the 50cc (7-8) Stock and 50cc Open classes. Clayton Murrillo finished runner-up to Terzian in both Stock races over Matt Harrison and Matthew Richardson. Jake Hulett went 2-2 behind Terzian in the Open race, followed by Harrison (4-6) and Casey Huntley (8-5). CN

Glen Helen Raceway
San Bernardino, California
Results: March 8, 1998 (Round 3)

50 STK (4-6): 1. Michael Hall (Cob); 2. Richard Sterling (KTM); 3. Blake Baggett (Cob); 4. Nick Paluzzi (Cob); 5. Garrick Noble (Cob).

50 STK (7-8): 1. Bryce Terzian (KTM); 2. Clayton Murrillo (Cob); 3. Matt Harrison (KTM); 4. Matthew Richardson (Cob); 5. Scott Noble (Cob).

50 OPEN: 1. Bryce Terzian (KTM); 2. Jake Hulett (Lem); 3. Matt Harrison (KTM); 4. Casey Huntley (KTM); 5. Christopher Bradshaw (KTM).

60 F/T: 1. Justin Carmody (Kaw); 2. Matthew Palomaki (Hon); 3. Matt Harrison (Kaw).

60 BEG: 1. Aaron Breid (Kaw); 2. Jake Hulett (Kaw); 3. Bobby Hesse (Kaw); 4. B.J. Kuntz (Kaw); 5. Brady Huntley (Kaw).

60 NOV: 1. Brandon Hiner (Kaw); 2. Chad Gores (Kaw); 3. Jonathan Arana (Kaw); 4. Travis Christensen (Kaw); 5. Kalin Goodsite (Kaw).

60 INT: 1. Sean Borkenhagen (Kaw); 2. Michael LaPaglia (KTM); 3. Phillip Bruscella (Kaw).

60 OPEN: 1. Cas Swift (Kaw).

80 F/T: 1. B.J. Kuntz (Suz); 2. Andy Vanderberg (Hon); 3. Chris Duenas (Hon); 4. Justin Mulford (Suz).

80 BEG: 1. Michael LaPaglia (Suz); 2. Brian Melsheimer (Yam); 3. Brandon Carrie (Kaw); 4. Jeff Loop (Yam); 5. Ryan Landstrom (Yam).

80 NOV: 1. Tyler Duncan (Yam); 2. Chad Gaumer (Hon); 3. Ryan Beat (Yam); 4. Donnie Gritton (Kaw); 5. Kelly Tedder (Suz).

80 INT: 1. Daryl Ecklund (Yam); 2. Cale Wallace (Yam); 3. Erik Meyer (Yam); 4. Nick Alvarez (Hon); 5. Matt Prochnavy (Hon).

80 EX: 1. Billy Laninovich (Yam); 2. Brandon Staddan (Yam).

B/W: 1. Jeremy Malott (Kaw); 2. Scott Buttrell (Yam); 3. Daniel Nelson (Hon).

S/MINI: 1. Billy Laninovich (Yam); 2. Daryl Ecklund (Yam); 3. Donnie Gritton (Kaw); 4. Jeremy Kelper (Yam); 5. Kelly Tedder (Suz).

125 BEG: 1. Tim Weigand (Yam); 2. Bryan Frost (Yam); 3. Billy Arnone (Hon); 4. Bobby Bloodworth (Hon); 5. James Ward (Yam).

125 NOV: 1. John King (Yam); 2. John Hopkins (Yam); 3. Greg Chimits (Yam); 4. Richie Owens (Yam); 5. Corey Malcomber (Yam).

125 INT: 1. Bryan McGavran (Yam); 2. David Ramsey (Yam); 3. Masaki Hiratsuka (Hon); 4. Dusty Walters (Yam); 5. Gary Trachy (Yam).

125 PRO: 1. Stephane Roncada (Hon); 2. Casey Johnson (Kaw); 3. Michael Brandes (Suz); 4. Travis Preston (Suz); 5. Espen Blikstad (Yam).

250 BEG: 1. Brian MacAfee (Hon); 2. Heath McCormick (Suz); 3. Nick Kelbaugh (Yam); 4. Candace English (Kaw); 5. Kasey Yamasaki (Hon).

250 NOV: 1. Jimmy O'Neal (Yam); 2. Garth Milan (Yam); 3. Carl Chase (Yam); 4. Jeff Hanzo (Suz); 5. Derric Swinfard (Kaw).

250 INT: 1. Ron Gilbert (Kaw); 2. Todd Mitchell (Suz); 3. Jason Dubin (Suz); 4. Brian Shaleen (Yam); 5. Gary Trachy (Yam).

250 PRO: 1. Stephane Roncada (Hon); 2. Michael Brandes (Suz); 3. Akira Narita (Hon); 4. Casey Johnson (Kaw); 5. Nathan Ramsey (Kaw).

500 BEG: 1. Dave Lippert (Yam); 2. Shannon Sellers (Hon); 3. Jeremy Sellers (Hon).

500 NOV: 1. Garth Milan (Yam); 2. Ryan Orr (Yam).

500 PRO: 1. Dan Berg (Yam); 2. Chris Ridgeway (Yam); 3. Kenny Zahrt (Yam); 4. Joe Root (Yam); 5. Mark White (Yam).

25+ BEG: 1. Sam Trout (Kaw); 2. Nick Kelly (Yam); 3. Jeffery Paul (Kaw); 4. Bill Anderson (Yam); 5. Chad Austin (Suz).

25+ NOV: 1. Todd Flaming (Yam); 2. Chris Sanchirico (Kaw); 3. Derric Swinfard (Kaw); 4. Scott Marlow (Yam); 5. Tim Konkol (Yam).

25+ INT: 1. Todd Mitchell (Suz); 2. Revelle Harrison (KTM); 3. Tom Hayes (Kaw); 4. Craig Monty (Kaw); 5. David Bagwell (Hon).

25+ EX: 1. Jon Zahrt (Kaw); 2. Ron Gilbert (Kaw); 3. Martin Klossner (Yam); 4. Richard Bunch (Yam); 5. Mark White (Kaw).

30+ BEG: 1. Milton Mize (Hon); 2. Darin Murdoch (Yam); 3. Ken Lurcook (Suz); 4. Mike Carr (Hon); 5. Brian Burch (Yam).

30+ NOV: 1. Darren Paley (Hon); 2. Robbie James (Yam); 3. Vic Walker (Yam); 4. Ed Niemela (Kaw); 5. Jay Pavlovec (Hon).

30+ INT: 1. David Bagwell (Hon); 2. Shawn Heit (Hon); 3. Tony Bienert (Yam); 4. Tony Sulli (Suz); 5. Ron Ruff (Suz).

35+ NOV: 1. Ed Niemela (Kaw); 2. Stephen Watson (Hon); 3. Tony Schuler (Yam); 4. Greg Erickson (Kaw); 5. Kirk Barnett (Yam).

35+ INT: 1. Fred Nichols (Hon); 2. Gregg Caughey (Kaw); 3. David Foutes (Yam); 4. Darin Layton (Yam); 5. Pryor Campbell (Suz).

30+ EX-PRO: 1. Craig Canoy (Kaw); 2. Pete Murray (Suz); 3. Dan Berg (Suz); 4. Ron Turner (Yam); 5. Martin Klossner (Yam).

40+ NOV: 1. Philip Taboada (Yam); 2. Roger Dallan (Yam); 3. Chris Slick (Hon); 4. Greg Pagan (Kaw); 5. Robert Ripley (Yam).

40+ INT: 1. Greg McCarthy (Hon); 2. Pryor Campbell (Suz); 3. Jeff Gianni (Suz); 4. Brad Vandenberg (Hon).

40+ EX: 1. Ron Turner (Yam); 2. Mark White (Kaw); 3. Kenny Zahrt (Yam); 4. Ron Ruff (Suz); 5. Randy Minter (Suz).

District 37 draw

By Matt Freeman

SAN BERNARDINO, CA, FEB. 28-MAR. 1

The number two seemed to be the magic number for many of the top riders at the Prairie Dogs/Malcolm Smith Motorsports Grand Prix, held at Glen Helen Raceway. The two-day event served as round two of the District 37 Big Six Grand Prix Series, and by the end of the event Rex Staten, American Honda's Johnny Campbell and Team Green's Paul Krause and Dave Ondas had all chalked up two wins.

With 10 events scheduled to take place on the specially laid-out 10-mile course, the Prairie Dogs pulled out all the stops for the sixth annual event, which was also part of the District 37 Best of the West Series. The famed Glen Helen motocross track, sand washes, creeks, rolling hills, the Blockbuster Concert Pavilion parking lot and paved roads in Glen Helen Regional Park were all part of the course, which made the event a grand prix in its truest form.

Honda CR500-mounted Donnie Morrison kicked off the weekend by grabbing the holeshot to the first turn during Saturday's Unclassified race. Morrison's lead was cut short as Ondas and his KX500 made the move into second place midway through the first lap. XR600 rider Campbell was not far off of Ondas' pace as he, too, had made it around Morrison on the first lap.

"Ondas and I were going back and forth, and right before we dropped into the creek I kind of hesitated and thought maybe I shouldn't follow too close because of the splash," Campbell said, "and then I thought I'd stay close in case he makes a mistake and I can get around him. Right then he nailed it and a big rock came up and hit me in the knee so I just had to slow down. It hurt so bad I couldn't ride."

With Campbell off the gas, Morrison was able to reclaim second for good, a position for which he battled throughout the entire race. Ondas crossed the finish line with a comfortable lead over Morrison, however. Campbell tallied an impressive third, swollen knee and all. KX500 rider Abe Baumann rode to a careful fourth, and YZ250-mounted John Rudder rounded out the top five in the first 250 spot.

By the end of the first race, the word was already out that in order to post a good finish, you had to ride smart.

"It's tough," said Ondas about his winning ride. "The creek is pretty bad going out at the end. The sand wash is real bad because it's got a bunch of rocks, and up on top (in the hills) there's a little quagmire thing. It's an awesome course, though."

The combined Super Senior/Women/Mini race was second on the schedule, and as he has all year, KX80-mounted Kurt Caselli came away the victor. Anna Cody finished second to Caselli, taking the Women's win. YZ250-mounted Ray Banfield used his years of racing experience to win the Super Senior class. KX80 riders Bobby Steffan and Jonathan Davies went on a race-long battle for second-place mini honors, a battle which ended when Davies got held up in the marshy swamp section on the upper part of the course. Davies stuck it out for third in class and, soon after, organizers rerouted the course around the mud pit.

It was no surprise that Staten's first win on the weekend came when he overalled the Senior/Magnum race aboard his KX500. Charlie Barney turned a bad start into a solid second to take the 250cc Senior win. Bob Maxwell carded a third as well as the Magnum win.

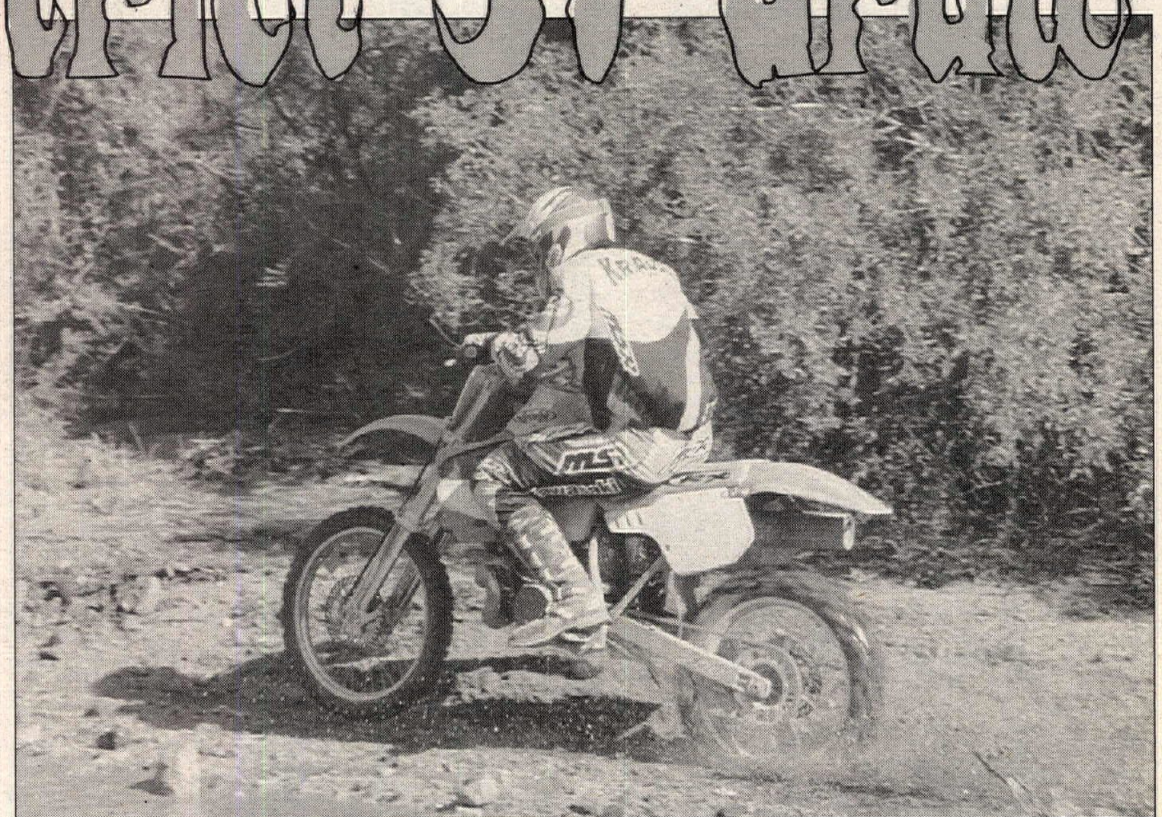
No one could catch Krause during the Vet race. The KX500 pilot sprinted to a quick lead, followed by out-of-stater Ed McCoy, who made the drive to compete aboard a CR500. Baumann finished a costly third.

"This race was expensive for me," Baumann said. "I cracked both my rims in the sand wash. I'm happy to finish, though, because I saw Morrison and Randy Norman do cartwheels in the sand wash because they hit hidden rocks."

The big talk of Saturday was the Pro Team Night Race, which awarded a purse to the top finishers. The race ran through the motocross and vintage portions of the park only, but the shortened course did not mean the intensity of racing would be lessened.

The team of Campbell and Staab jumped to an early lead, but Staab's wrist injury was too painful for him to ride at 100 percent. The team put in a valiant effort and exchanged the lead with Ondas and Krause several times before the checkered flag fell. In the closing laps of the hour-long race, the Ondas/Krause team pulled away, opening up the gap between first and second. Campbell and Staab held on for second, followed by the third-place CR500-mounted team of Craig Hunter and Brent Farrell. Team Green's Steve Hengeveld and Jeff Capt finished fourth aboard a Stroker-backed KLX.

On Sunday morning, Staten was back on the starting line and back in the winner's circle. A stellar start in the Vintage/Classic/Sidecar race got Staten out front early aboard his '79 YZ400. Honda-mounted Rick O'Donnell kept Staten on his toes but he never got close enough to initiate a dice. Mike Dougherty and Rudy Abele rounded out the top four.



(Right) Team Green's Paul Krause was one of four riders to grab wins in two different classes during round two of the District 37 Big Six Grand Prix Series at Glen Helen Raceway. Krause won the Vet Open Expert race and then teamed with Dave Ondas to win the nighttime Pro race.
(Bottom right) American Honda's Johnny Campbell racked up two victories, claiming top honors in the Four-Stroke and Open Expert divisions.

Campbell led from start to finish in the Four-Stroke/Dual Sport race. His closest competition came from XR400-mounted David Glass, who finished approximately a minute off Campbell's pace. Hengeveld unbolted the headlight of his modified KLX long enough to follow Glass in for third.

When the 125cc/250cc/Open race went off, so did Campbell. Krause and Ondas held the top two spots during most of the first lap, but Campbell was on a roll from the earlier Four-Stroke race. Campbell caught and passed Ondas and Krause just before the completion of the first lap.

"These guys didn't race this morning, so I think I had the upper hand," said Campbell. "I just pushed and pushed. I went 100 percent the whole way."

Krause finished a strong second, followed by Ondas. The KX250s of Hengeveld and Doug Chiapuzio put forth a race-long battle, but on the last lap Chiapuzio was forced to drop out with mechanical problems, giving Hengeveld an easier run to first 250 and fourth overall. Hengeveld's KX250 teammate Oakley Lehman moved past CR250-mounted Matt Murphy on the last lap to take second in class and fifth overall, minus a rear-brake pedal. Dana Van Stee took the 125cc honors with a seventh overall. CN

Glen Helen Raceway
San Bernardino, California
Unofficial Results: February 28-March 1, 1998 (Round 2)

U/CLFD: 1. Dave Ondas (Kaw); 2. Donnie Morrison (Hon); 3. Johnny Campbell (Hon); 4. Abe Baumann (Kaw); 5. John Rudder (Yam).
MINI EX: 1. Kurt Caselli (Kaw); 2. Bobby Steffan (Kaw); 3. Jonathan Davies (Kaw).
WMN EX: 1. Anna Cody (Kaw).
S/SR: Ray Banfield (Yam).
MAG EX: 1. Bob Maxwell (Kaw).
SR OPEN EX: 1. Rex Staten (Kaw); 2. Mike McGee (Kaw).
SR 250 EX: 1. Charlie Barney (Kaw); 2. Willie Kennedy (Hon).
VET OPEN EX: 1. Paul Krause (Kaw); 2. Ed McCoy (Hon); 3. Abe Baumann (Kaw); 4. Kurt Pfeiffer (Yam).
VET 250 EX: 1. Scott Underwood (Kaw).
NIGHT/PRO: 1. Paul Krause/Dave Ondas (Kaw); 2. Johnny Campbell/Tim Staab (Hon); 3. Craig Hunter/Brent Farrell (Hon); 4. Steve Hengeveld/Jeff Capt (Kaw).
CLSSC/VINT: 1. Rex Staten (Yam); 2. Rick O'Donnell (Hon); 3. Mike Dougherty (Yam); 4. Rudy Abele (Mai).
4-STRK EX: 1. Johnny Campbell (Hon); 2. David Glass (Hon); 3. Steve Hengeveld (Kaw); 4. Greg Shaplin (Hon); 5. Brad Cameron (Hon).
OPEN EX: 1. Johnny Campbell (Hon); 2. Paul Krause (Kaw); 3. Dave Ondas (Kaw).
125 EX: 1. Dana Van Stee (Kaw); 2. Morgan Crawford (Kaw); 3. Russ Piggot (Yam).
250 EX: 1. Steve Hengeveld (Kaw); 2. Oakley Lehman (Kaw); 3. Matt Murphy (Hon).

GFI California Winter MX Series North, Round 3: Oatfield Raceway

Evans takes charge

By Jim Enos

(Top) Winner Tyler Evans (417) dives to the inside of Jeff Northrop (15) in the 125cc Pro class at Oatfield Raceway. (Above) Brett Racine (499) and Northrop mix it up at Oatfield.

TURLOCK, CA, MAR. 1

Suzuki/FMF/Smith-backed Tyler Evans made it look easy as he took charge of both the 125 and 250cc Pro classes at the third round of the GFI California Winter Series at Oatfield Raceway. The 18-year-old Salinas resident is certainly on a roll, as he has managed to win a Pro-class race in each of the first three rounds of the series.

With the five-race northern series schedule rearranged due to recent bad weather, more than 300 riders once again made the trek to the AMP-operated Oatfield Raceway to do battle, and one of those anticipated battles involved AMA Supercross and Arenacross contenders Jeff Willoh and Evans.

When the gate - filled with 14 250cc Pros - dropped, it was a mad dash to the first turn, and leading the pack out of the turn was Jeff Northrop. The Team Green/AXO/Scott-backed Northrop, however, couldn't make the holeshot stick, as Willoh quickly motored by him. Nonetheless, Northrop showed good speed and took back the lead at the whoop section, bringing along some tough company, such as Evans and Brett Racine, the latter aboard a Team Green/Fox/Pro Circuit-backed Kawasaki. By the third lap, Evans and Racine had made their way around both Willoh and Northrop and were setting a blistering pace in the single 20-minute-plus-one-lap moto.

Evans, with clear real estate ahead of him, began to pull away from Racine and, by the fourth lap, opened up about a five-second lead.

Meanwhile, behind Racine, Willoh and GP Sports/FMF/Fox-backed Rick Ryan, aboard a Suzuki, were making a charge and had displaced Northrop for third and fourth place, respectively. Also on the move was Yamaha-mounted Jeff Pestana, who also got by Northrop to take fifth, and then he made a run for Ryan.

Up front, Evans and his Suzuki were carving lines, and the two opened up about a 10-second lead over Racine, who was being pressured by Willoh. Willoh latched on to Racine at the entrance of the whoop section and ended up in front of Racine at the other end.

When the white flag flew, Evans had a commanding lead, followed by Willoh. Behind Willoh, though, things were hot and heavy for third, involving Racine, Ryan and Pestana. Ryan tried to make a pass on Racine over the tabletop, but Racine was able to hold him off. A little later, Ryan tried again to pass Racine but ended up going off the track and handing over fourth place to a patient Pestana. At the finish, it was Evans, Willoh, Racine, Pestana and Ryan, in that order.

"I was expecting to battle with Willoh today," Evans said. "I felt good the whole race and the track was in very good condition."

Willoh, backed by Team Suzuki, Stiffie and Westwood, seemed content with second place.

"Tyler rode a good race and pushed hard," Willoh said, relaxing in his truck. "I got a good start and I thought I could reel him in. It was tough getting a drive out of the tight left-hander before the long tabletop."

Racine, having turned Pro about six months ago, was pleased with third.

"The track felt pretty choppy, but I had good lines through the whoops," Racine said. "Even though my arms pumped up in the middle of the race, I started to catch up to Willoh near the end."

In the 125cc Pro race, nearly all the same players from the 250cc race lined up on the gate, and again it was "Mr. Holeshot" - Jeff Northrop - leading the 16-rider field to the first turn. This time, Northrop, a little more at home on a 125, made the holeshot stick - at least for half a lap.

Evans was right on his tail, and he promptly put his Suzuki up front through the whoop section. Two familiar faces, however, were missing from the lead pack: Willoh and Ryan. Willoh had gone down about three turns off the start, and he took Ryan out with him.

"My bike kind of landed on top of him, and I took it easy taking off," Ryan said.

Both Ryan and Willoh had their work cut out for them; Willoh was dead last after the first lap. Evans, on the other hand, would capitalize on their mishap and open up a huge lead on Northrop, Racine and Pestana.

Making a charge behind the lead pack were Suzuki pilots Dean Matson and Auggie Rodriguez. Rodriguez, who had stalled his bike on the first lap in a tight left-hander, was able to hold the pack behind him and was running fifth behind Pestana by the end of the second lap. Pestana, however, stopped in a turn before the double jump and eventually pulled off the track for an unknown reason.

Meanwhile, Ryan had quickly moved up through the pack after the earlier get-together with Willoh, and by the fourth lap he was involved in a battle for fourth with Rodriguez and Matson. Ryan would eventually win that battle as he made a smooth pass on Rodriguez before the big step-up jump.

As the laps wore down, Evans was way out front with Racine a comfortable second, followed by Northrop, Ryan and Matson. Ryan was obviously not content with fourth as he steadily reeled in Northrop and passed the Kawasaki rider on the spectator tabletop to secure third. With a wave of the checkered flag, Evans would make a clean sweep of the premier Pro classes, followed by Racine, Ryan, Northrop and Matson. Willoh would end up a very respectable sixth.

Evans, with his bike and gear all loaded up, was all smiles. "I had another good start and rode another good race," he said.

"I took a center gate position next to Jeff (Northrop) and I had a good start," Racine said. "I diced with Jeff for about two laps and then passed him before the downhill double. I felt good the whole race and just started racing 250s about a year ago."

In the 250cc Intermediate race, Harold Hageman put in an impressive 1-1 score for the overall over Merced Powersports-backed Cory Morais. However, Hageman and Morais made it interesting in the first moto as both riders came over the finish line in a near photo finish. Hageman ended up taking the win by half a knobby.

In the 125cc Intermediate race, Hageman once again took the overall, though not without a fight in the second moto from Kawasaki-mounted Mike Northrop.

Danny Smith was at first leading until he crashed, leaving Hageman and Northrop to battle lap after lap. Their battle, however, eventually deteriorated as Northrop was overtaken by a fast-moving Craig Truglio and later by Rich Stephens. Northrop eventually went down two turns before the checkered flag. At the turn before the finish line, Nick McBride appeared to have fourth in the bag, but he got stuffed by a hard-charging Danny Ornelas. CN

Oatfield Raceway
Turlock, California
Results: March 1, 1998 (Round 3)

Pee Wee Track

50 F/T (4-6): 1. Michael Bologla (Act); 2. Lacey Perales (Yam); 3. Jessica Lucas (Yam); 4. Michael Brooks (Yam).

50 STK BEG (4-6): 1. Ruben Hernandez (Act); 2. Michael Flores (KTM); 3. Joshua Greco (KTM); 4. Ryan Bowen (Cob); 5. Ty Keenom (Act).

50 STK BEG (7-8): 1. Ryan Martin (KTM); 2. Cody Jackson (KTM); 3. Britnie Johnson (KTM); 4. Jacob Breman (KTM); 5. Nick Frezette (KTM).

50 MOD BEG (7-8): 1. J.D. Moore (Lem); 2. Kevin Lucas (Act).

50 OPEN (0-8): 1. Brandon Reyna (Cob); 2. Matt Frezette, (Lem); 3. Chris Gilbert (Yam).

Main Track

60 BEG: 1. Andrew Wells (Kaw); 2. Rocco Curci (Kaw); 3. Derek White (Kaw); 4. Drew Towner (Kaw); 5. Denver Edwards (Kaw).

60 NOV: 1. Jarrod Martens (Kaw); 2. Ryan Ferris (Kaw); 3. Casey Hinson (Kaw); 4. Kyle Bergantz (Kaw); 5. Kurtis Batey (Kaw).

60 INT: 1. Daniel Sani (Kaw).

80 BEG: 1. Jack Ludlum (Hon); 2. Jarred Morrison (Kaw); 3. Ryan Ferris (Suz); 4. Mike Robbins (Suz); 5. Rory Radovich (Hon).

80 NOV: 1. Eric McCrummen (Yam); 2. Cory McDaniel (Yam); 3. Josh Cox (Yam); 4. Nick Davis (Yam); 5. Vincent Blair (Hon).

80 INT: 1. Steve Mertens (Yam); 2. Jon Replogle (Suz); 3. Charlie Morrison (Yam); 4. Matt McCrummen (Yam); 5. David Boothe (Hon).

80 B/W: 1. Aaron Casados (Yam).

80 S/MINI: 1. David Boothe (Hon); 2. Charlie Morrison (Yam); 3. Jon Replogle (Suz); 4. Matt McCrummen (Yam); 5. Steve Martens (Yam).

125 BEG: 1. Ryan August (Yam); 2. Josh Hoyt (Hon); 3. Eric Tankerstey (Hon); 4. Jon Replogle (Suz); 5. Cole Bridenbaker (Kaw).

125 NOV: 1. Randy Norman (Yam); 2. Logan Masterson (Yam); 3. Chris Wilson (Yam); 4. Mark Verhougstraete (Suz); 5. Mike Hunter (Suz).

125 INT: 1. Harold Hageman (Suz); 2. Craig Truglio (Kaw); 3. Nick McBride (Hon); 4. Danny Ornelas (Yam); 5. Rich Stephens (Yam).

125 PRO: 1. Tyler Evans (Suz); 2. Brett Racine (Kaw); 3. Rick Ryan (Suz); 4. Jeff Northrop (Kaw); 5. Dean Matson (Suz).

250 BEG: 1. Keith Rhodes (Kaw); 2. Jeff Marsh (Hon); 3. Tony Jaime (Yam); 4. Joe Alford (Kaw); 5. Richard Suffecodi (Kaw).

250 NOV: 1. Michael Hernandez (Kaw); 2. Randy Norman (Yam); 3. Craig Humphrey (Yam); 4. Kelly Quinn (Suz); 5. Mike Hunter (Yam).

250 INT: 1. Harold Hageman (Suz); 2. Cory Morais (Yam); 3. Turtle Wikoff (Kaw); 4. Zeb Armstrong (Yam); 5. Paul Temmerman (Kaw).

250 PRO. 1. Tyler Evans (Suz); 2. Jeff Willoh (Suz); 3. Brett Racine (Kaw); 4. Jeff Pestana (Yam); 5. Rick Ryan (Suz).

500 INT: 1. Mike Hodges (Yam); 2. John Matalmaki (Yam); 3. Kevin Wise (Yam); 4. Jeff Molina (Yam); 5. Ryan Opray (Kaw).

500 PRO: 1. Jeff Brownlee (Yam); 2. Jon Nelson (Yam); 3. Kenny Zahrt (Yam); 4. Joe Root (Yam); 5. Bob Johnson (Kaw).

25+ BEG: 1. Jay Linstroth (Hon); 2. Casey Fouts (Hon); 3. Ruben Hernandez (Kaw).

25+ NOV: 1. Brian Toline (Suz); 2. John Moore (Kaw); 3. Kenny Madden (Suz); 4. Ryan Wann (Suz); 5. Jeff Becker (Yam).

25+ INT: 1. Mike Hodges (Suz); 2. Kevin Wise (Yam); 3. Rick Mattos (Suz); 4. Phil Segundo (Hon); 5. Mike Segundo (Hon).

25+ EX: 1. Rick Ryan (Suz); 2. Jeff Pestana (Yam); 3. Dean Matson (Suz); 4. Jeff Brownlee (Yam); 5. Jon Zahrt (Kaw).

30+ BEG: 1. Robert Woehrle (Hon); 2. Scott Schultz (Hon); 3. Ray Keenom (Kaw); 4. Michael Flores (Yam); 5. Jonathan Chapman (Yam).

30+ NOV: 1. Scott Schubert (Yam); 2. David Harvey (Kaw); 3. Terry Huffer (Suz); 4. Ryan Wann (Suz); 5. Mike Wenstrand (Suz).

30+ INT: 1. Mike Hodges (Suz); 2. Jeff Molina (Kaw); 3. Randy Medley (Suz); 4. Shane Verdin (Hon); 5. Robert Hansen (Suz).

30+ PRO: 1. Rick Ryan (Suz); 2. Jeff Pestana (Yam); 3. Jon Zahrt (Kaw); 4. Jon Nelson (Kaw); 5. Steve Lucente (Suz).

35+ NOV: 1. Chris Kephart (Kaw); 2. Dave Haffell (Suz); 3. Jim Enos (Suz); 4. Randy Lynch (Yam); 5. David Evans (Hon).

35+ INT: 1. Randy Medley (Suz); 2. Terry Huffer (Suz); 3. Robert Hansen (Suz); 4. John Handelin (Suz); 5. Kenny Zahrt (Yam).

40+ NOV: 1. Ron Rudi (Hon); 2. Bill Carnes (Yam); 3. Danny Towe (Suz); 4. John Towner (Hon); 5. Bobby Lynch (Yam).

40+ INT: 1. Terry Huffer (Suz); 2. Dave Harrell (Suz); 3. Matt Longo (KTM); 4. Dave Graham (Hon); 5, Keith Huffer (Hon).

40+ EX: 1. Kenny Zahrt (Yam); 2. Robert Hansen (Suz); 3. John Handelin (Suz); 4. Joe Root (Yam); 5. Wayne Talbet (Yam).

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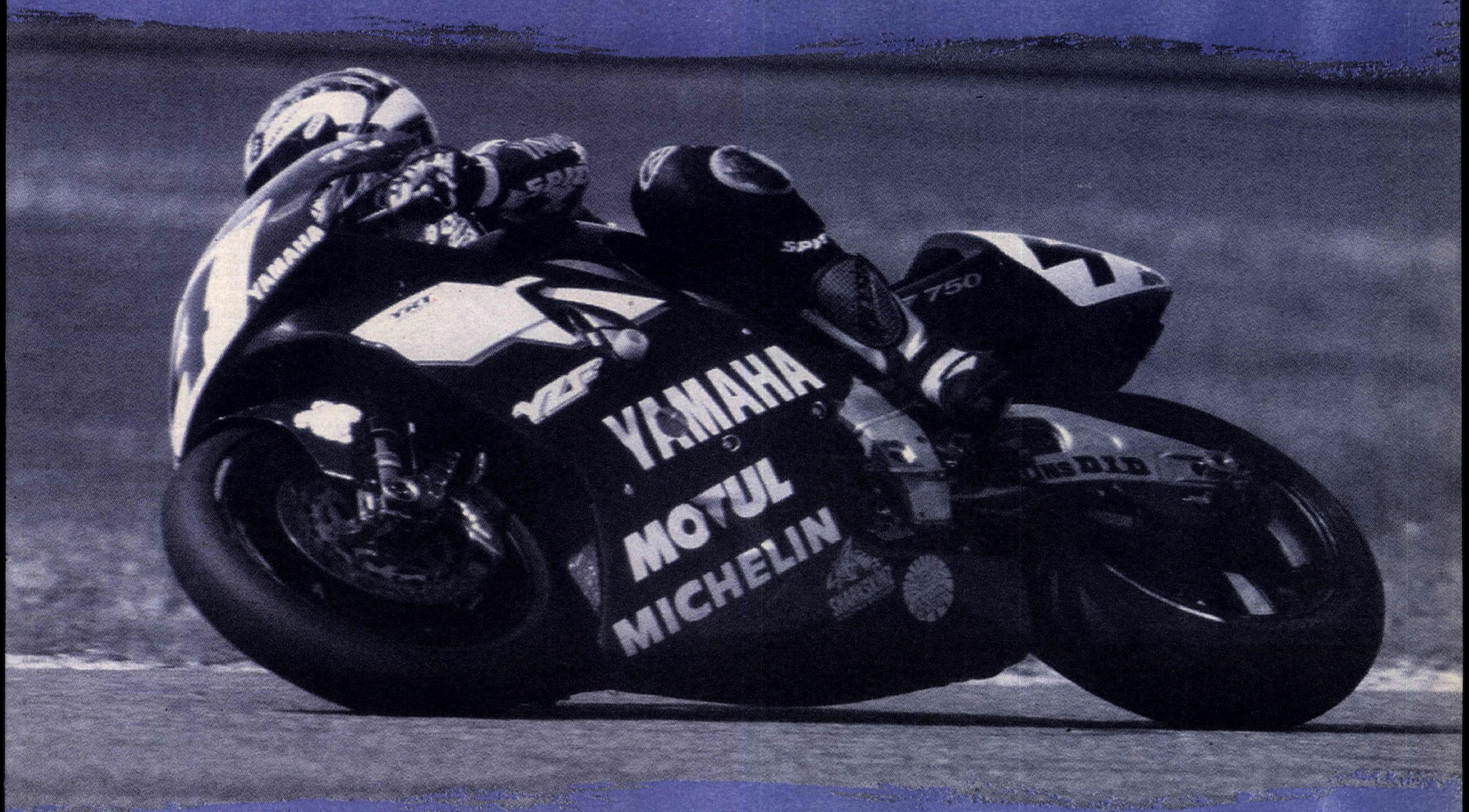

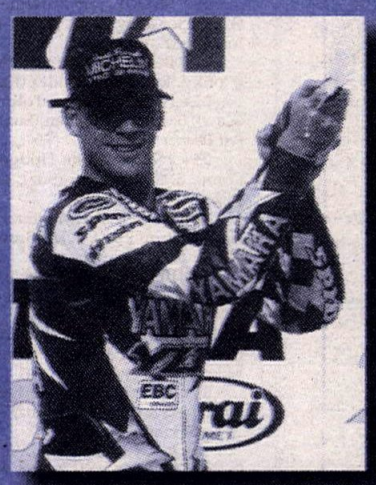

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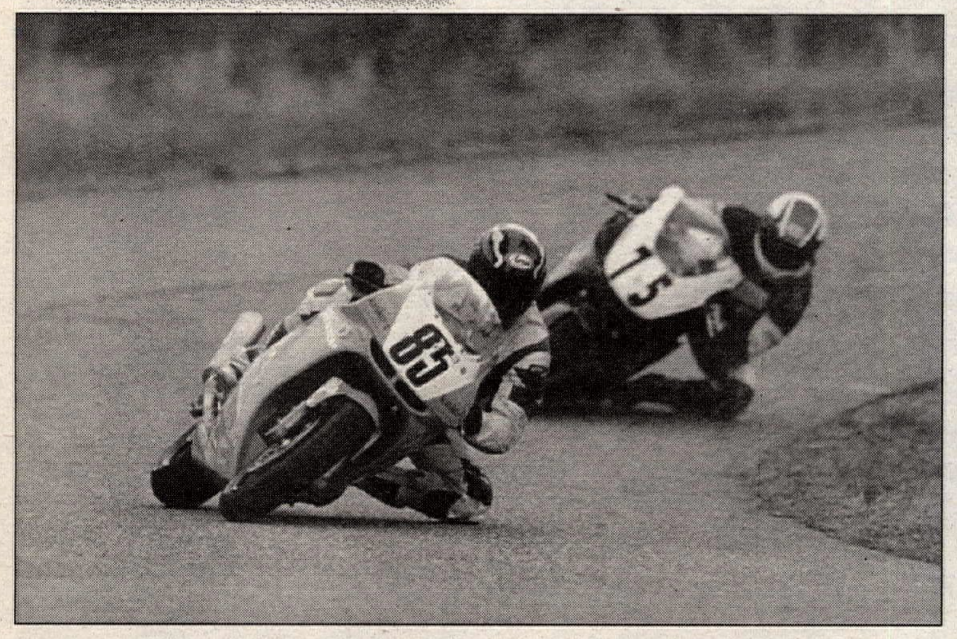

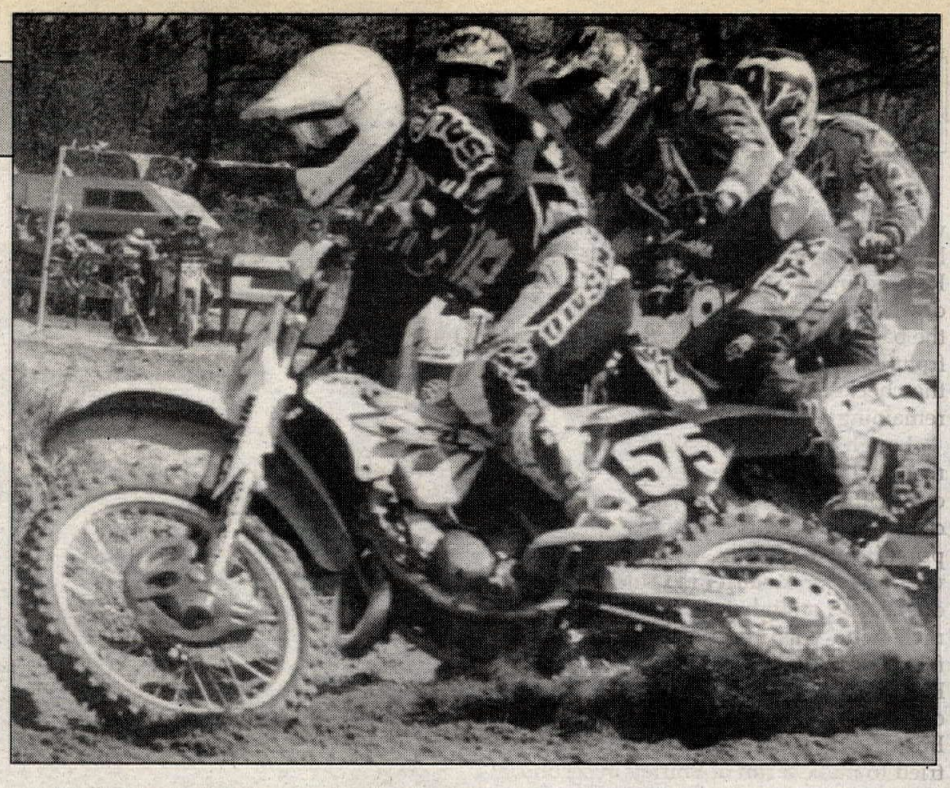

(Above left) Chris Caylor (85) was the only rider to beat Eisenacher (75) when he won the 600cc Superstock class.
(Above) Jon Boruff (575) used good starts to win the 125cc Pro class with a 1-1 at the opening round of the Carolina Ultra MX Series, held at Camp Coker MX in South Carolina.
(Left) Josh Summey won the 80cc (14-15) and Schoolboy classes in Society Hill, South Carolina.

WERA Southeast Region, Round 1

Eisenacher rocks

By Aaron Mintz

TALLADEGA, AL, FEB. 15

In deference to the opening of the 1998 WERA season, the El Niño effect didn't prevail in Talladega, Alabama. Marietta Motorsports Racing's Billy Eisenacher went two for three at the season opener, taking both the 600cc and 750cc Superstock classes. However, local track master Chris Caylor halted Eisenacher's sweep by denying him the 600 Superbike victory.

Lee Acree has come to terms with his totally tricked-out Honda RS250, and he dominated the Formula Two race. Fellow North Carolinian Mark Marrow won the Clubman race on his Yamaha RD350 and it looks like he will dominate the Vintage classes this season.

The 600cc Superstock race started with Eisenacher and Caylor pulling the holeshot, leaving the entire field as the two engaged in what was to become a heated battle. Caylor took the early lead on his Michelin-backed Kawasaki, but Eisenacher stuck like glue to Caylor on his Marietta Motorsports Yamaha. While leading, Caylor dropped the lap times down into the 58s, but this was not enough to shake Eisenacher. However, in the closing laps, Caylor missed a shift entering turn one and was forced to demonstrate his dirt tracking ability.

"The shift-shaft arm broke during the race and I was missing shifts," Caylor said. "I got back on and prayed that the clutch would hold together to the finish."

As Caylor was getting back on the track, Eisenacher blew by to take first place.

Eyewitness to the dogfight between Eisenacher and Caylor was Brian Gibbs, who could not make up ground on the two. Gibbs went on to finish an uncontested third. Rockey Gravley got into a tug of war with Scott Brown as the two went back and forth. In the end, Gravley proved stronger and took fourth ahead of Brown.

The 750cc Superstock race started with Billy Eisenacher launching away from the field to take first place. Eisenacher never surrendered any ground and took the victory with a four-second lead over Brian Gibbs.

Gibbs held his own, keeping Ray Hickman a distant third throughout the race. Impressive riding from rookie William Merklas landed him in fourth place when the checkered flag fell. Fifth place went to Wade Buffington, who earlier had taken first in the 1100cc Superstock race.

In the 600cc Superbike race, Caylor wanted to even the score with Eisenacher and set out on a mission. Caylor didn't miss any shifts and held Eisenacher off to take first place.

"I didn't have time to fix the shifter before the last race," Caylor said. "I just put more force on the shifter to ensure that it engaged every time. I think it was the determination in my heart which helped me win this afternoon." CN

Talladega Gran Prix Raceway
Talladega, Alabama
Results: February 15, 1998 (Round 1)

D S/BK EX: 1. Allan Burnham (Yam); 2. Mark Morrow (Yam); 3. Craig Sickler (Yam); 4. Mark Garrett (Duc); 5. Stewart Roberts (Hon).

A S/STK EX: 1. Wade Buffington (Suz); 2. William Merklas (Suz); 3. Ray Hickman (Suz); 4. Chris Steele (Suz); 5. William League (Hon).

H/W TW NOV: 1. Cary Lurie (Suz); 2. Edward J. Vigluicci (Duc); 3. Mark Polf (Hon); 4. Mike Harris (Hon).

H/W TW EX: 1. Mark Garrett (Duc); 2. Stewart Roberts (Hon); 3. Rick Butler (Yam).

C PROD NOV: 1. Scott Waddington (Hon); 2. Brian J. Honeycut (Hon); 3. Fredrick Farzangan (Hon); 4. Derrick Patterson (Yam); 5. Scott Gardner (Kaw).

C S/STK EX: 1. Billy Eisenacher (Yam); 2. Chris Caylor (Kaw); 3. Brian Gibbs (Suz); 4. Rockey Gravley (Kaw); 5. Scott Brown (Suz).

CLBMN NOV: 1. Jason Trimarchi (Yam); 2. S. Shane Frank (Kaw); 3. Zack Jones (Kaw); 4. Chris Wall (Yam); 5. William Self (Hon).

CLBMN EX: 1. Mark Morrow (Yam); 2. Jamie Miller (Yam); 3. Rick Butler (Yam); 4. Mark Garrett (Cag).

125 GP EX/NOV: 1. Stewart Aitken-Cade (Hon); 2. Shane Shirley (Hon); 3. Chuck DiGregorio (Hon); 4. Mike Mashewski (Hon); 5. Patrick Chandler (Hon).

B S/STK EX: 1. Billy Eisenacher (Suz); 2. Brian Gibbs (Suz); 3. Ray Hickman (Suz); 4. William Merklas (Suz); 5. Wade Buffington (Suz).

B PROD NOV: 1. Brian Honeycutt (Hon); 2. Fredrick Farzangan (Hon); 3. Gerald Hughes (Hon) 4. Scott Gardner (Kaw); 5. Scott Waddington (Hon).

F-2 NOV: 1. Mike Mashewski (Hon); 2. Jep Palmer (Yam); 3. Steve Baxter (Hon); 4. Jim Conley (Yam); 5. Scott Spence (Duc).

F-2 EX: 1. Lee Acree (Hon); 2. David Boosales (Hon); 3. Keating Shelly (Yam); 4. Stewart Aitken-Cade (Hon); 5. Allan Burnham (Yam).

C S/BK NOV: 1. Todd Alligood (Hon); 2. Fred Farzangan (Hon); 3. A.J. Cates (Suz); 4. Tim Brewer (Hon); 5. Chuck Rucker (Hon).

C S/BK EX: 1. Chris Caylor (Kaw); 2. Billy Eisenacher (Yam); 3. Scott Brown (Suz); 4. Rockey Gravley (Kaw); 5. Mike DeBrabant (Kaw).

F-1 NOV: 1. A.J. Cates (Suz); 2. Todd Alligood (Hon); 3. Michael McGhee (Suz); 4. Rick Carlisle (Suz); 5. Brian Kiddy (Kaw).

F-1 EX: 1. Lee Acree (Hon); 2. David Boosales (Hon); 3. Ray Hickman (Suz); 4. Bill Zearley (Kaw); 5. Keating Shelley (Yam).

L/W TW NOV: 1. Scott Spence (Duc); 2. Jaimie Hallman (Hon); 3. Chris Wall (Yam); 4. Edward Viglucicci (Duc); 5. Douglas Reese (Suz).

L/W TW EX: 1. Stewart Aitken-Cade (Hon); 2. Mark Morrow (Yam); 3. Mark Garrett (Duc); 4. Stewart Roberts (Hon).

B S/BK: 1. William Merklas (Suz); 2. Wade Buffington (Suz); 3. Scott Brown (Suz); 4. Mike DeBrabant (Kaw); 5. A.J. Cates (Suz).

Carolina Ultra MX Series, Round 1

Boruff and Gibson wire to wire

By Kirk Johnson

SOCIETY HILL, SC, MAR. 1

Jon Boruff and Jeff Gibson reeled off wire-to-wire moto wins to claim the overall victories in the 125 and 250cc Pro classes, respectively, at the opening round of the 1998 AMA Winters Amway Team Carolina Ultra Series, held at Camp Coker MX. The two pros joined 580 other entrants on the sunny and mild day of racing action.

Boruff drew first blood as he pulled the holeshot in the first 125cc Pro moto. Closely following the Suzuki rider was new Yamaha rider Mitchell Hodges, Jeff Gibson, Troy Brewer and Chad Lough. Boruff quickly established a pace that drew him away from the pack, and Gibson quickly moved into second. By the halfway point, Boruff held about a seven-second advantage over Gibson that he maintained to the finish. Gibson finished a lonely second, while Brewer, Lough and Chuck Shirley rounded out the top five.

Moto two again saw Boruff with the quick reaction as he snagged another holeshot. Boruff then set a swift pace in the early going and distanced himself from the rest of the field. Gibson gave chase but it was to no avail, and again he had to settle for second. Behind the front two, however, a battle raged for third as Yamaha rider Chuck Shirley and Brewer fought intensely over the position. The two battled back and forth for most of the race, with the upper hand going to Shirley in the end. Brewer managed to hold on to fourth with a slight advantage over the fifth-place finisher, Chad Newton.

Kawasaki-mounted Gibson had the quick hand in the first 250cc Pro moto and grabbed the holeshot over Boruff, Suzuki-mounted Lough, YZ rider Sean Skutnick and Gaylon Dickson. Gibson took good notes from Boruff in the 125cc class and quickly established a comfortable lead. Meanwhile, Boruff took a fall early in the moto and was relegated back to fourth. Gibson went on to win by a large margin; however, the rest of the top five was anything but settled.

Lough had assumed the second position after Boruff went down, while Skutnick slipped into third momentarily. Boruff then recovered quickly and displaced Skutnick and set out after Lough. Lough and Boruff turned up the pace and slowly crept away from the other riders. Eventually, Boruff wore Lough down and was able to secure second at the checkered flag. Lough settled for third. Dickson had a race-long battle with Skutnick and slipped by on the final lap to steal fourth.

The start of the second 250cc Pro moto was a carbon copy of the first,

with Gibson snaring the holeshot, followed by Lough, Skutnick, Shirley and RM-mounted Troy Crisp. Boruff went down early again and was relegated to the back of the pack. Gibson jetted away from the field and rode unchallenged to the checkers, but a battle raged for the remaining positions.

Lough opened up a slight lead on the rest of the pack in second, but crashed out of the race while trying in vain to catch Gibson. Shirley then assumed the pursuit of the leader as he worked his way past quick-starter Skutnick. Shirley opened up a slight advantage on Skutnick, who was under heavy pressure from Newton and the hard-charging Boruff. As Skutnick and Newton battled over the position, they failed to notice Boruff, who passed them both. Boruff tried to make a run at Shirley in second, but he had too much ground to make up and had to settle for third. Newton was finally able to work his way into fourth, and Skutnick rounded out the top five.

Action in the 250cc B class was very intense as newly mounted Suzuki rider Paul Justus proved he has made the transition from Yamahas quite easily and took a double moto sweep of the class. The wins, however, did not come easily, as Justus had to work his way past the hard-charging Nick McAllister and Kawasaki-mounted Mike Andrews in moto one. Moto two saw Andrews take the holeshot, with Justus in tow. Justus made a quick pass but Andrews kept him honest most of the moto. McAllister recovered from a horrible start to secure second, and Suzuki rider Daniel Tesh rounded out the top three.

As stiff as the competition was, a couple of riders were able to secure double class wins. Kawasaki-mounted riders Josh Summey and Gaylon Dickson were able to fend off all challenges. Summey reeled off relatively easy wins in the 85cc (14-15) division over Adam Overcash and Nicholas Vargo. Summey had to work quite a bit harder for the Schoolboy wins, coming from behind and passing Suzuki rider Casey Barnes. Barnes led early in both motos only to succumb to the pressure of Summey by the end of each moto. Nicholas Warner came back from a fifth-place finish in moto one to take the final podium position in the class with a third in moto two.

Dickson took home his two wins in the Over 25 and Over 30 A divisions. In the Over 25 A class, Dickson topped Yamaha riders Kirk Johnson and Sean Skutnick. Skutnick made Dickson really work for his second-moto victory. Keeping Dickson honest in each Over 30 A moto were Yamaha rider Chris Wagner and Suzuki rider Joel Baker. These two swapped finishing positions, with Wagner coming out on top for second overall. CN

Camp Coker MX
Society Hill, South Carolina
Results: March 1, 1998 (Round 1)

50 (4-6): 1. McKinnon Welborn (Cob); 2. Bradley Bunch (Cob); 3. Madison Hambright (Cob); 4. Tyler Glance (Cob); 5. Zackary Alvear (ATK).

50 (7-8): 1. Brandon Large (Cob); 2. Zach Osborne (Cob); 3. Austin Stroupe (Cob); 4. Luke Griffis (Cob); 5. Christopher Newton (Cob).

50 SHAFT/JR: 1. Colton Tickle (Yam); 2. Adam Ivers (Yam); 3. Ian Baetlein (Yam); 4. Damon Hambright (Yam); 5. Shane Shuler (Suz).

60 (7-9): 1. Jake Griffis (Kaw); 2. Austin Stroupe (Kaw); 3. Zach Osborne (Kaw); 4. Steven Houser (Kaw); 5. Clay Willett (Kaw).

60 (10-11): 1. Philip Ivers (Kaw); 2. Joshua Schmitt (Kaw); 3. Eric Brown (Kaw); 4. Chris Osborne (Kaw); 5. Alexander Hunter (Kaw).

85 (12-13): 1. Matt Miller (Suz); 2. Phillip Ranker (Suz); 3. Kyle Justice (Kaw); 4. Blake Hovis (Hon); 5. Stephen Shoaf (Suz).

85 (14-15): 1. Joshua Summey (Kaw); 2. Adam Overcash (Suz); 3. Nicholas Vargo (Suz); 4. William Bryant (Yam); 5. King Smith (Suz).

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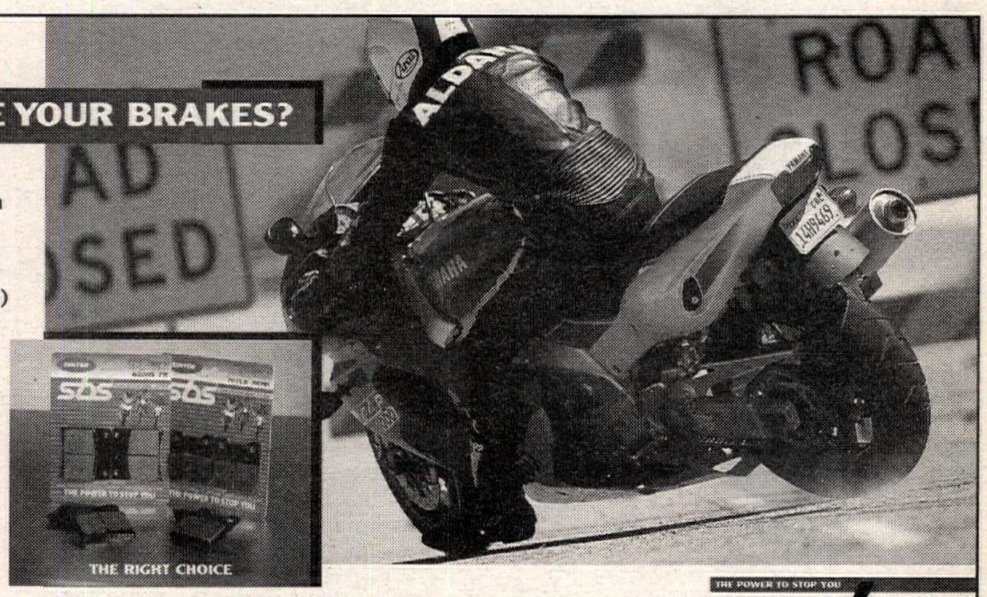

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Class winner Chase Reed (155) gets the holeshot in 125cc Intermediate racing at Lake Whitney Motocross Park in Texas, with Dustin Cantrell (21) and Beau Boynton (38) in tow. Reed won three classes.

85 D: 1. Joseph Hernandez (Hon); 2. Jake Wiley (Suz); 3. Ronnie Ling (Yam); 4. Daniel Hurley (Kaw); 5. Steven Locklear (Yam).

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125 B: 1. Casey Barnes (Suz); 2. Paul Justus (Suz); 3. Brad Edwards (Suz); 4. Daniel Tesh (Suz); 5. Jered Black (Yam).

125 C: 1. Corey King (Suz); 2. Brandon Hankins (Yam); 3. Casey Calhoun (Yam); 4. Anthony Griffis (Kaw); 5. Siler Chapman (Suz).

125 D: 1. Dustin Messer (Hon); 2. Chris Everett (Hon); 3. Fred Corson (Hon); 4. Brad Lindley (Kaw); 5. Richard Chandler (Yam).

250 PRO: 1. Jeff Gibson (Kaw); 2. Jon Boruff (Suz); 3. Chuck Shirley (Yam); 4. Sean Skutnick (Yam); 5. Gaylon Dickson Jr. (Kaw).

250 B: 1. Paul Justus (Suz); 2. Nicholas McAllister (Kaw); 3. Daniel Tesh (Suz); 4. Joshua Capps (Kaw); 5. Brad Edwards (Suz).

250 C: 1. Michael Hyatt (Yam); 2. Dallas Norman (Kaw); 3. Clint Harbison (Kaw); 4. Scott Spittle (Kaw); 5. Beau Markolf (Suz).

250 D: 1. James Avins; 2. Jared Stefanick (Yam); 3. Todd Mills (Yam); 4. Howard Biggers (Hon); 5. Greg Hollifield (Yam).

25+ A: 1. Gaylon Dickson Jr. (Yam); 2. Kirk Johnson (Yam); 3. Sean Skutnick (Yam); 4. Joel Baker (Suz); 5. Chuck Green (Suz).

25+ B: 1. Tracey Barnett (Kaw); 2. Jeff Mushala (Yam); 3. Michael Milem (Kaw); 4. Richard Thomas (Kaw); 5. Rodney Cavender (Kaw).

25+ C: 1. Noel Hall (Kaw); 2. Michael Hyatt (Yam); 3. Monte Lewis (Kaw); 4. Jason Surface (Hon); 5. Nevan Rushing (Hon).

30+ A: 1. Gaylon Dickson Jr. (Kaw); 2. Chris Wagner (Yam); 3. Joel baker (Suz); 4. Donald Alford (Suz); 5. Donnie Foster (Suz).

30+ B: 1. Russ Pickett (Hon); 2. Keith Nevers (Kaw); 3. Steve Smith (Kaw); 4. Richard Thomas (Kaw); 5. David Tucker (Suz).

30+ C: 1. Ari Relford (Hon); 2. Scott Tyson (Yam); 3. Larry Stephens (Kaw); 4. Troy Bunch (Suz); 5. Timothy Camp (Hon).

35+: 1. Joel Baker (Suz); 2. Donnie Foster (Suz); 3. Daniel Bell (Suz); 4. David Tucker (Suz); 5. Thomas Perkins Jr. (Suz).

40+: 1. Steven Lewis (Yam); 2. Gary Baisden (Suz); 3. Stuart English (Hon); 4. Rick Rikard (Suz); 5. Richard Davis (Kaw).

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4-STRK: 1. Kirk Johnson (Yam); 2. Richard Hiers (Suz); 3. Jeff Tomlinson (Yam); 4. Chad Viers (Yam); 5. Ricky Joyce (KTM).

SCHBY: 1. Joshua Summey (Kaw); 2. Casey Barnes (Suz); 3. Nicholas Warner (Suz); 4. Doug Earls (Suz); 5. Anthony Griffis (Kaw).

PACE U.S. Off-Road Championship Series, Round 6

Walters wallops

By George Hodkinson

MINNEAPOLIS, MN, FEB. 28

Brian "Spud" Walters continued his domination of the PACE Motor Sports/USHRA U.S. Off-Road Championship Series with a win in the Thunderbike class at round six, held at the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome, winning both his heat race as well as the main event with relative ease. Walters benefited from the fact that his rivals in the series, Mike Healy and Doug Dubach, were sitting out the event as they heal from injuries, as they are the only two to have beaten Walters in the prior five rounds.

"I really appreciate the great fans here in Minneapolis, and my White Brothers YZ400 worked really well," Walters said afterward. "These races are short, and it's important to get a good start and ride smooth, and that's what I was able to do tonight. I'd like to thank my mechanic, Jon Anderson, and White Brothers for supporting me, as well as announce I plan to ride the 250cc Nationals on this bike."

Popular pro journeyman racer Rich Taylor made his initial appearance in the series a successful one, finishing in second place while filling the shoes of the injured Dubach on the White Brothers YZ400 team, giving it a solid one-two punch for the night.

"This was my first race on the four-stroke, and I'm pretty happy with second," Taylor said. "This YZ400 is an incredible machine and the funnest motorcycle out there right now. Next year I'm sure we'll see a bigger population of racers at this series."

Finishing a hard-fought third place in the final was Flagstaff Arizona's Robert Naughton, riding a Premier motorsports/Maxxis Tires-backed Husaberg FC5O1. After running in fifth place in the early going, Naughton clawed his way past friend and traveling partner Chris Ridgeway for third. Naughton, a former pro motocross racer from the late '80s, recently returned to racing motocross on four-strokes after attending college and winning the Extreme Games mountain-biking competition in 1995. He said that he is really enjoying racing again.

Ridgeway, of Cypress, California, finished an impressive fourth on the evening after running as high as third on his Hickman/Atomic22/Long Beach motorsports YZ400 - this race being only his fifth ride on the machine, as he missed the first couple of rounds due to the fact that the motorcycle wasn't available. Fourth place is part of the comeback trail for Ridgeway, as he has been out of action for a couple of years due to various injuries.

"(I) got a little tired, so I let Naughton by before he slammed me," Ridgeway said. "Plus, we have to ride back home together so I can be to work Monday morning. 'Superman' Jim Hickman helped me out a lot, and I owe a lot to him for my racing comeback."

Finishing in fifth and sixth place were a couple of Iowans: Steve Downey, a parts manager at Garvis Honda in Des Moines, took fifth on an 1993 XR600; and Jeremy Shoning, second in the points series coming into this round, took a close sixth on a Husaberg/Missile Engineering/FMF-backed FC501. Minnesota rider and California transplant Brian Raleigh took seventh on a trick XR400 backed by FMF, EVS, White Brothers and Answer. CN

Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome
Minneapolis, Minnesota
Results: February 28, 1998 (Round 6)

THNDR BK: 1. Spud Walters (Yam); 2. Rich Taylor (Yam); 3. Robert Naughton (Hbg); 4. Chris Ridgeway (Yam); 5. Steve Downy (Hon); 6. Jeremy Shoning (Hbg); 7. Brian Raleigh (Hon); 8. Ed Hammerschmidt (Yam); 9. Mark Bonnell (Hbg); 10. Jerry French (Hon).

Upcoming Round:
Round 7 - Pontiac, Michigan, March 14

Lone Star Series, Round 1

Hawthorne, Reed rule

By Kat Spann
Photo by Connie Johnson

WHITNEY, TX, FEB. 14-15

The 1998 season-opener tally was totally unexpected at Lake Whitney Motocross Park when 900 entries made up a full two-day program for the first round of the fourth annual Lone Star Series. Setting the pace in the Under 25 Expert class on Sunday was none other than local hero Dennis Hawthorne. In 125cc Intermediate, 125cc Schoolboy and 125cc Open classes, Chase Reed was tops, taking the overall in each.

Hawthorne has recorded more Pro-event wins at Lake Whitney than any other rider in its history. Nicknamed "The Doctor" for choosing precise lines like a surgeon, the Team Green support tech shot off the gate in the Under 25 Expert event to take the holeshot and then led the 18-rider field to the checkered flag with ease.

Dennis Bonner gated second and chased Hawthorne for two laps before Michael Keating expressed the desire for his position and moved in on it. Bonner held on to third into the final lap before a mishap found him taking a soil sample and more than half the class passed by. Todd Downs stepped up to the plate and assumed third, followed by Michael Gage and James Skinner.

The second moto was a repeat of the first off the start, with "The Doctor" showing the way up Mount Whitney. Bonner gated second off the start, but lost his position in lap two when Michael Gage made a pass in the tower sweeper. Directly behind Gage was Michael Keating, who hunted down the number-two position in lap three after a side-by-side battle with Gage through the whoops. When Gage took the bad side of a braking bump, Keating moved past and chased Hawthorne to the checkered flag. Bonner finished fourth, followed by Nick Moomaw and Skinner.

Hawthorne only had a single moto to rest up before returning to the gate for the 250cc Pro event. Hawthorne grabbed the holeshot and led the field of 20 in an iron-man attempt, but was soon passed by a younger and more refreshed Michael Peacock. Oklahoma's Dennis Owens, who has spent the winter testing and training in California, caught Peacock's wake and hounded the leader into the tower sweeper, where he made the pass, took the lead, and then colored himself gone. In the meantime, Dean Lane was making his Cycle Town South Husaberg look mighty good as he raced in fourth behind the KX-mounted Hawthorne.

Hawthorne once again raced at the helm in moto two, leading the gate of 250cc Pro power up and down Mount Whitney, all the time trying to shake off a pesky Peacock. Midway through the tower sweeper, Peacock attempted an unbelievable pass on Hawthorne, but Hawthorne held fast and blocked Peacock's shot at the lead. Once again they raced side by side into the wooded river-bottom section, but it was a blazing Dennis Owens who emerged out of the gravity cavity first, having passed both Hawthorne and Peacock. Peacock then passed Hawthorne for second and was soon followed by Ross Dhayer and Dean Lane. As a result, Hawthorne finished fifth. When later asked what happened, Hawthorne replied: "See these jeans I'm wearing? I faded just like them!"

Team Green/Grapevine Kawasaki's Chase Reed was by far the fastest 125cc rider, winning the 125cc Schoolboy, Intermediate, and Open classes, pitted against a total of 107 entries among the three event fields.

Sunday's 125cc Intermediate class had 33 riders at the gate, led by Team Green/D&S-backed Ryan Wallace off the start. Newly returned Dustin Cantrell passed Wallace just short of the first turn with Travis Elliott at his side as the bikes swarmed up Mount Whitney. Wallace regained some ground and got in behind Elliott to race in second, followed by Shawn Smith and Chase Reed. Reed got around Smith in the whoops at the bottom of lap two and spent the next lap chasing down Wallace for second, passing him at the front of the track. Elliott managed to keep his lead to the checkered flag, followed by Reed, Wallace, Smith and Boynton.

Reed was sizzling in the second moto as he grabbed the holeshot and never

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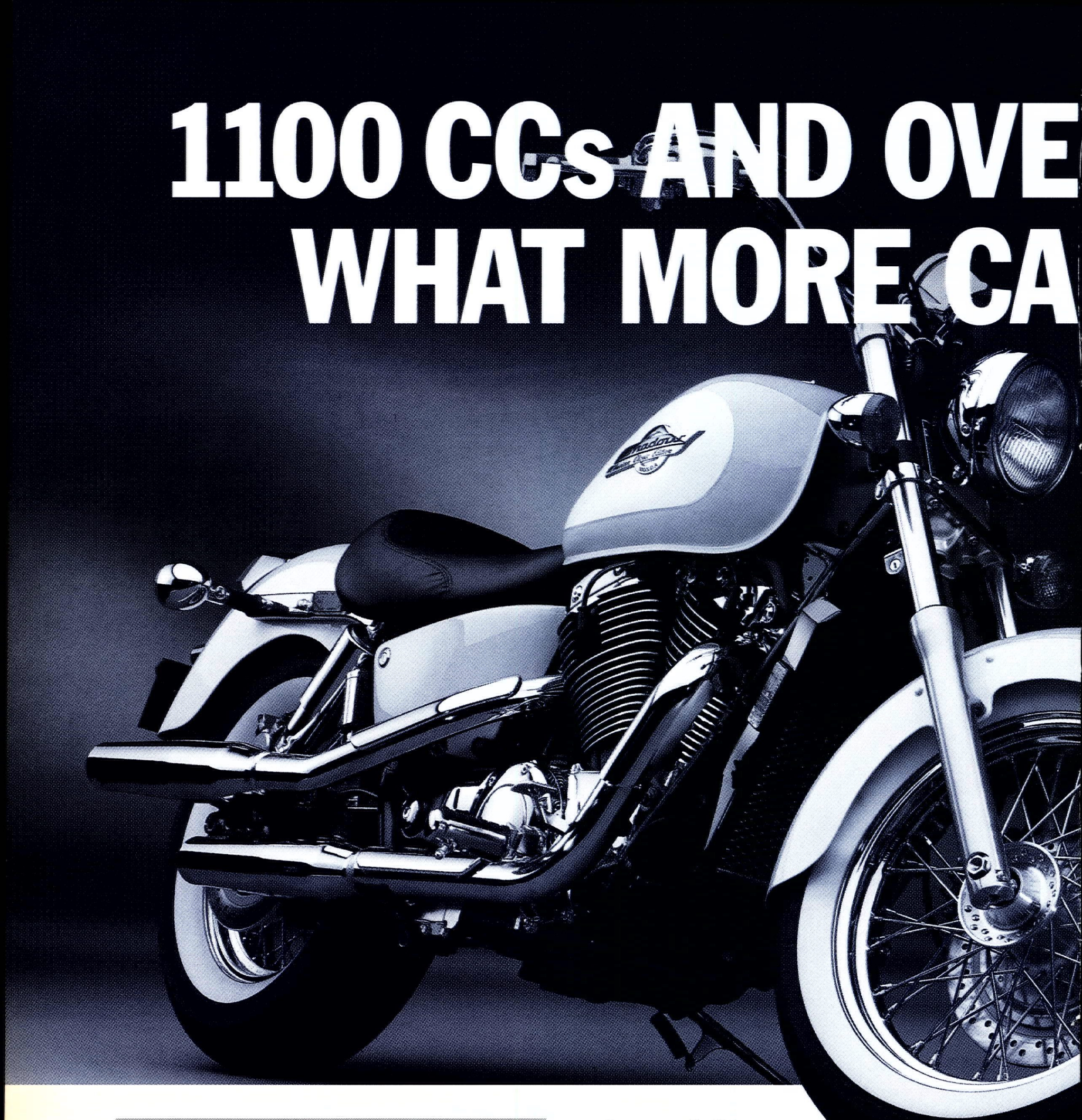

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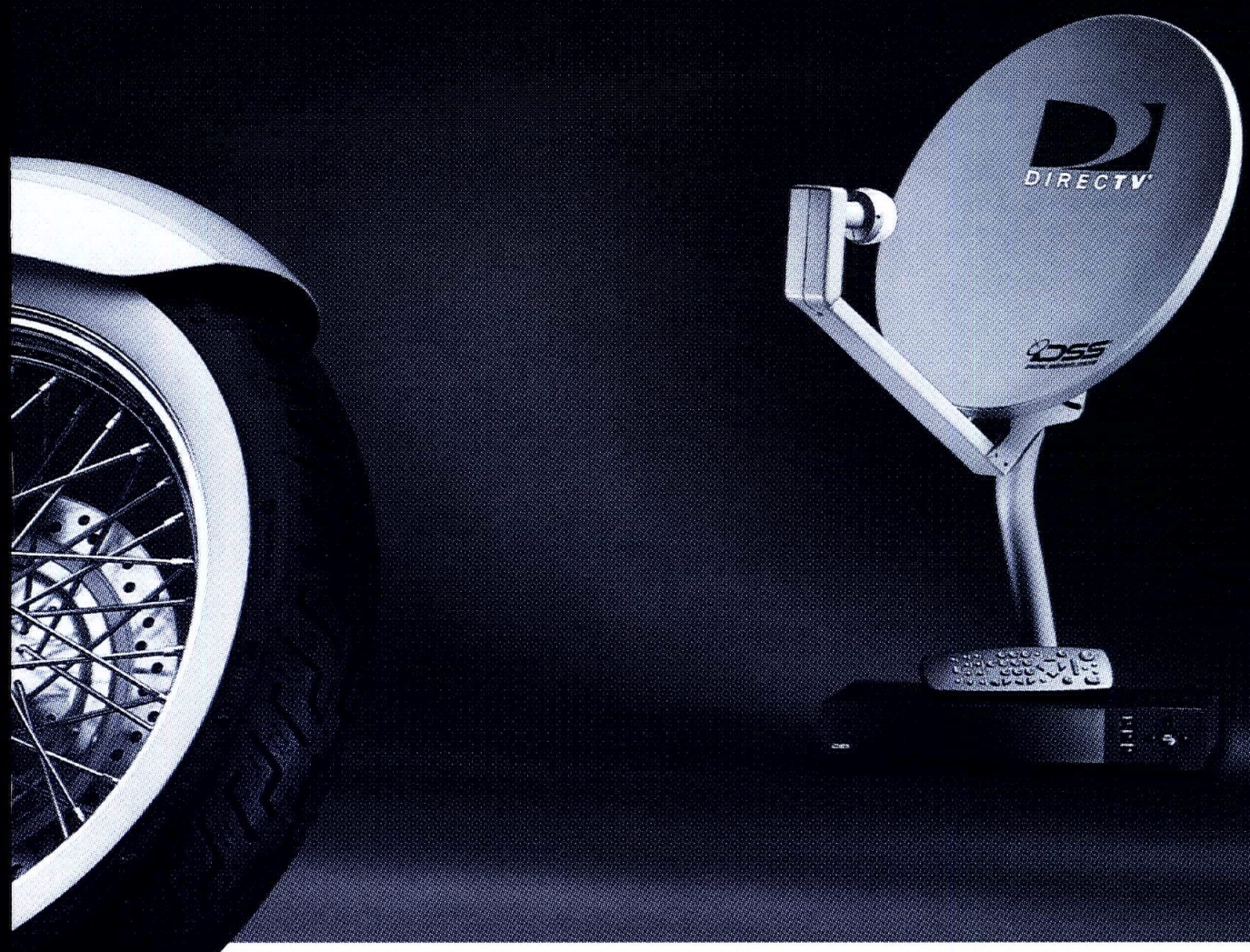

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looked back. Smith gated second off the start, followed by Wallace, Boynton and Elliott. Boynton tangled at the top of the mountain, which left Elliott on the ground and Boynton still in the race. Boynton then focused on Wallace and used the second lap to pass for third, but he could never catch Smith and Reed, who had first and second dialed in. Reed's 2-1 was good enough for the win, while Smith used a 4-2 for second.

The 125cc Open was just one of five events that had to be divided up and consis were run for a gate in the main. Shawn Smith and Travis Elliott each carried a single point into the final race, with Reed and Wallace each sharing twos. When it came down to the final moto, though, Reed took the win and the overall, followed by Wallace, Smith and Elliott. Brad Barham rounded out the top five overall with a 3-5. CN

Lake Whitney Motocross Park
Whitney, Texas
Results: February 14-15, 1998 (Round 1)

50 (4-6): 1. Tyler Turner (Lem); 2. Derek Barath (Cob); 3. Chaz Holladay (Cob); 4. Jamison Miller (Cob); 5. Tyler Dunham (KTM).

50 (7-8): 1. Trey Canard (Cob); 2. Branden Willis (Cob); 3. Logan Melton (Lem); 4. Richard White (Cob); 5. Kyle Cunningham (Cob).

50 OPEN: 1. Trey Canard (Cob); 2. Kyle Cunningham (Cob); 3. Logan Melton (Lem); 4. Richard White (Cob); 5. Branden Willis (Cob).

65 (7-9): 1. Dustin Shows (Kaw); 2. Michael Pritchett (Kaw); 3. Austin Turner (Kaw); 4. Trey Canard (Kaw); 5. Kerry Kerns (Kaw).

65 (10-11): 1. Cody Dickey (Kaw); 2. Chad Owen (Kaw); 3. Scotty Wennerstrom Jr. (Kaw); 4. Trent Bedwell (Kaw); 5. Tad Montgomery (Kaw).

65 OPEN: 1. Cody Dickey (Kaw); 2. Chad Owen (Kaw); 3. Riley Kurosky (Kaw); 4. Dustin Shows (Kaw); 5. Scotty Wennerstrom Jr. (Kaw).

85 BEG: 1. Andy Allison (Yam); 2. Robert Locke (Kaw); 3. Michael Lopez (Yam); 4. Brandon Moore (Yam); 5. Taylor Smith (Kaw).

85 (7-11): 1. Lance Hollister (Kaw); 2. David Jensen (Hon); 3. Daniel Bucher (Kaw); 4. Ryan Hartley (Yam); 5. Nathan Doughty (Kaw).

85 (12-13): 1. Nathan Davenport (Kaw); 2. Waylon McCulloch (Yam); 3. Bradley Mikolas (Hon); 4. Ernie Phillips II (Suz); 5. Jesse Moore (Kaw).

85 (14-16): 1. Adam Mennenga (Kaw); 2. Chad Cook (Yam); 3. Colt Humphrey (Hon); 4. Dusty Fountain (Suz); 5. Geoff Mayfield (Yam).

85 OPEN: 1. Adam Mennenga (Kaw); 2. Colt Humphrey (Hon); 3. Chad Cook (Yam); 4. Geoff Mayfield (Yam); 5. Jeremy Durrett (Kaw).

S/MINI: 1. Adam Mennenga (Kaw); 2. Chad Cook (Yam); 3. Chase Romero (Kaw); 4. Geoff Mayfield (Yam); 5. Colt Humphrey (Hon).

125 SCHBY: 1. Chase Reed (Kaw); 2. Beau Boynton (Kaw); 3. Taylor Watts (Yam); 4. Bradley Barham (Yam); 5. Ty Conner (Kaw).

125 BEG: 1. Eddie Tincher (Hon); 2. Brandon Walter (Kaw); 3. Matt Triplett (Yam); 4. Billy Joe Humphries (Suz); 5. Phillip Smith (Suz).

125 NOV: 1. Ty Conner (Kaw); 2. Joe Bailey (Kaw); 3. Nathan York (Hon); 4. Brian Riggan (Suz); 5. Chad Davis (Kaw).

125 INT: 1. Chase Reed (Kaw); 2. Shawn Smith (Hon); 3. Ryan Wallace (Kaw); 4. Beau Boynton (Kaw); 5. Nathan Hale (Yam).

125 OPEN: 1. Chase Reed (Kaw); 2. Ryan Wallace (Kaw); 3. Shawn Smith (Hon); 4. Travis Elliott (Kaw); 5. Bradley Barham (Yam).

125 PRO: 1. Dennis Owens (Yam); 2. Michael Peacock (Kaw); 3. Michael Keating (Suz); 4. Chad Sparks (Yam); 5. Cole Brown (Yam).

250 BEG: 1. Torrey Mattson (Kaw); 2. Tom Settle (Hon); 3. Terry Knight (Suz); 4. Billy Joe Humphries (Suz); 5. Tony Turner (Yam).

250 NOV: 1. Brad Vaughn (Kaw); 2. Darin Stubbs (Kaw); 3. Rocky Fleming (Yam); 4. Franz Hyland (Kaw); 5. Steve Dennis (Yam).

250 INT: 1. Shawn Smith (Hon); 2. Ryan Wallace (Kaw); 3. Beau Boynton (Kaw); 4. Waylon Litchfield (Hon); 5. Nathan Hale (Yam).

250 OPEN: 1. Shay Manney (Hon); 2. Eric Gillen (Kaw); 3. Zack Simpkins; 4. Wesley Brown (Kaw); 5. Darin Stubbs (Kaw).

250-500 PRO: 1. Dennis Owens (Yam); 2. Michael Peacock (Kaw); 3. Ross Dhayer (Kaw); 4. Dean Lane (Hus); 5. Dennis Hawthorne (Kaw).

300-500 OPEN: 1. Glen Hibbard (KTM); 2. Brad Smith (Hon); 3. Thomas Fichter (Hon); 4. Will Kasson (Hus); 5. Dirk Williams (Yam).

25+ NOV: 1. Franz Hayland (Kaw); 2. Todd Crouch (Yam); 3. Will Patton (Kaw); 4. Todd Bergdolt (Suz); 5. Brad Lisenbe (Kaw).

25+ INT: 1. David Chandler (Suz); 2. Kendell Robertson (Kaw); 3. Tom Hudson (Kaw); 4. Stephen Vines (Suz); 5. Scott Lohr (Yam).

25+ EX: 1. Dennis Hawthorne (Kaw); 2. Michael Keating (Suz); 3. Michael Gage (Kaw); 4. Nick Moomaw (Hon); 5. James Skinner (Suz).

30+ NOV: 1. Todd Crouch (Yam); 2. Harold Nutter (Hon); 3. Terry Goertz (Hon); 4. Brian Rich (KTM); 5. John Lincoln (Kaw).

30+ INT: 1. Chad Baker (Kaw); 2. David Chandler (Suz); 3. Thomas Fichter (Hon); 4. Scott Lohr (Yam); 5. Steven O'Malley (Kaw).

30+ EX: 1. Dean Lane (Hus); 2. Mark Rakestraw (Yam); 3. Hunter Carothers (Hon); 4. Shane Wills (Yam); 5. Michael Keating (Suz).

40+: 1. Brian Otto (Hon); 2. Micky Pizzitola (Kaw); 3. Billy Smith (Hon); 4. Douglas Hall (Yam); 5. Pete Watson (KTM).

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(Left, from left to right) Sam Clark, Kevin Dibasilio, Bruce Paulson and Drew Hopkins finished first through fourth, respectively, in the Mini division at the Prairie City Grand Prix in Northern California.
(Below) Jake Griffis (17) leads the Junior Mini class, ahead of Dalton Terrell (100), Phillip Ivers Jr. (273), Matthew Townsend (7) and Derrick Gause (11) at Cathey's Creek MX's opening race of 1998. Griffis won the Junior Mini and 65cc (7-9) classes on both days of competition.

Clark commanding at Prairie City Grand Prix

By Mykeal Clark

SACRAMENTO, CA, FEB. 22
Honda of Milpitas/Sprocket Specialists-backed Sam Clark won the Minicycle portion of the Prairie City Grand Prix held at the Prairie City State Vehicular Recreation Area.

The start of the race was a dead-engine affair and, at the blast of the shotgun from starter Mark Hardcastle, Clark tore into the lead. Following him closely into the first turn was Devin Dibasilio aboard his Apex Cycle Accessories-backed KX; third place was held by Blue Moon Billiards-sponsored Yamaha rider Dax Poplawski, Team CHUD KX rider Bruce Paulson was fourth, and Racers Pit Stop-sponsored Drew Hopkins gave chase in fifth around the half mile course.

The 30-minute event was quite exciting to watch as these young racers began lapping traffic about midway through the event. Clark developed a commanding lead, with Dibasilio holding on to second and Paulson taking over third. As Pat Hill waved the checkered flag, the cheering, smiling faces of parents, family and friends welcomed the racers across the finish line with hugs and high-fives.

Results

MINI: 1. Sam Clark (Hon); 2. Devin Dibasilio (Kaw); 3. Bruce Paulson (Kaw); 4. Drew Hopkins (Lem); 5. Dax Poplawski (Yam).

Griffis cleans up at Cathey's Creek Motocross opener

By Barbara Williams
Photos by Loren Williams

FOREST CITY, NC, FEB. 21-22
Jake Griffis wasn't affected by the surprise winds and low temperatures that befell Cathey's Creek MX® on its opening weekend of competition for 1998 as he won both the 65cc (7-9) and Junior Mini classes on both days of competition. The almost 500 entrants enjoyed nice conditions on the perfectly prepared Joe Williams circuit at Cathey's Creek.

Saturday's District 29 Benefit Race hosted a record 210 riders, the best crowd in D-29 history for such an event. According to D-29 officials Shep and Peggy Langdon, the benefit added $5500 to the district's bank account.

Double class winner Griffis of North Carolina swept both motos in the 65 (7-9) class and traded moto wins in Junior Mini with Eric Dudley of East Flat Rock, North Carolina, to take the win.

Griffis handled Dudley and Gastonia's Davin Price in the 65cc (7-9) division, streaking to wins in each moto while Dudley and Price argued over runner-up. Dudley wound up with the final second-place position (3-2), leaving third place overall to Price (2-3).

Griffis' Junior Mini motos were not so easy as he mixed it up with Dudley and Dustin Oates of Siler City, North Carolina. Griffis' Fox Racing-backed Kawasaki came home first in moto one, followed by Oates and Dudley. But Dudley's Roy's Garage machine grabbed the second-moto win, just ahead of Griffis and Oates. Despite his good ride, Dudley's 3-1 placings fell short of securing the overall win to Griffis' 1-2 tally.

Griffis continued his good performance the next day, taking the 65cc (7-9) win, followed by Miller Bridge Auto's Steven Houser and Suzuki of Gastonia-backed Price.

Aaron Nations of Gastonia blazed to the Junior Mini first-moto victory and was on his way to buttoning up the second-round win when a lapped rider fell on the far side of the CCMX finish-line tabletop. At the same time, Nations launched to clear the jump and landed directly on top of the downed bike, narrowly missing the rider. A footpeg ripped into Nation's thigh, ending his day of racing and earning him many stitches. Dudley stepped up to take that moto win, but a first-moto crash left Dudley with only a 6-1 total. Griffis' consistent 2-2 placings gave him the overall victory, followed by Joshua Schmitt (3-3) and Dudley.

Results

Saturday
50 (4-6): 1. McKinnon Welborn (Cob); 2. Zackary Alvear (Act); 3. Tyler Glance (Cob).
50 (7-8): 1. Austin Stroupe (Cob); 2. Davin Price (Cob); 3. Luke Griffis (Cob).
65 (7-9): 1. Jake Griffis (Kaw); 2. Eric Dudley (Kaw); 3. Davin Price (Kaw).
65 (10-11): 1. Aaron Nations (Kaw); 2. Chris Osborne (Kaw); 3. Dalton Terrell (Kaw).
80 BEG: 1. Malcolm Klepp (Hon); 2. Jacob Baertlein (Yam); 3. Jason Furr (Yam).
JR MINI: 1. Jake Griffis (Kaw); 2. Eric Dudley (Kaw); 3. Dustin Oates (Kaw).
85 (12-13): 1. Stephen Shoaf (Suz); 2. Ryan Burkett (Yam); 3. Brandon Ellenburg (Suz).
85 (14-15): 1. Devin Black (Hon); 2. Benjamin Hinson (Yam); 3. Stuart Parker (Kaw).
S/MINI: 1. Ryan Burkett (Yam); 2. Aaron Nations (Kaw); 3. Stephen Shoaf (Suz).
SCHBY: 1. Doug Earls (Suz); 2. Dustin Walker (Yam); 3. B.J. Huntsinger (Suz).
125 A: 1. Chris Brown (Kaw).
125 B: 1. Nick Burns (Hon); 2. Dustin Walker (Yam); 3. Jerry Strange (Yam).
125 C: 1. Doug Earls (Suz); 2. B.J. Huntsinger (Suz); 3. Anthony Griffis (Kaw).
125 D: 1. Adam Hodge (Hon); 2. Joshua Heath (Suz); 3. Robert Ford (Hon).
250 A: 1. Jason Thompson (Hon).
250 B: 1. Nicholas McAllister (Kaw); 2. Jerry Strange (Yam).
250 C: 1. Tracy Spencer (Kaw); 2. Kemp Wall (Suz); 3. Todd Chappell (Suz).
250 D: 1. Ricky Allen (Kaw); 2. Willis Vance (Hon); 3. Michael Stroupe (Hon).
25+ A: 1. Kirk Johnson (Yam).
25+ B: 1. Matthew Turledge (Hon); 2. Russ Pickett (Hon); 3. Kyle Stover (Yam).
25+ C: 1. Tracy Spencer (Kaw); 2. Trey Baucom (Suz); 3. David Stewart (Hon).
30+ B: 1 . Russ Pickett (Hon); 2. Alex Croft (Suz).
30+ C: 1. Ricky Alley (Kaw); 2. Andy Williams (Kaw); 3. Donald Mays (Hon).
35+: 1. Bruce Sapp (Suz); 2. Alex Croft (Suz).
40+: 1. Larry Hanes (Kaw); 2. Donald Mays (Hon).
U/L AM: 1. Nick McAllister (Kaw); 2. Nick Burns (Hon); 3. Eric Cox (Yam).
U/L C/D: 1. Jason Cruse (Suz); 2. Donnie Allison (Yam); 3. Jason Libera (Yam).
Sunday
50 (4-6): 1. McKinnon Welborn (Cob); 2. Nickalus Schmitt (KTM); 3. Sebastian Loukaitis (Cob).
50 (7-8): 1. Austin Stroupe (Cob); 2. Tyler Bright (Cob); 3. Martin Smith (Cob).
65 (7-9): 1. Jake Griffis (Kaw); 2. Steven Houser (Kaw); 3. Davin Price (Kaw).
65 (10-11): 1. Philip Ivers (Kaw); 2. Christopher Chesnee (Kaw); 3. Dalton Terrell (Kaw).
80 BEG: 1. Malcolm Klepp (Hon); 2. J.C. Allison (Suz); 3. Jacob Baertlein (Yam).
JR MINI: 1. Jake Griffis (Kaw); 2. Joshua Schmitt (Suz); 3. Eric Dudley (Kaw).
85 (12-13): 1. Stephen Shoaf (Suz); 2. Ryan Burkett (Yam); 3. Brandon Ellenburg (Suz).
85 (14-15): 1. Adam Overcash (Suz); 2. Daniel Tessneer (Yam); 3. Zachary Kutschenko (Suz).
S/MINI: 1. Adam Overcash (Suz); 2. Stephen Shoaf (Suz); 3. Chris Ferguson (Suz).
SCHBY: 1. Dustin Walker (Yam); 2. Doug Earls (Suz); 3. Shane Hager (Kaw).
125 A: 1. William Wilson (Yam); 2. Chad Newton (Suz); 3. Christopher Brown (Kaw); 4. Jason Thompson (Yam).
125 B: 1. Nicholas Burns (Hon); 2. Dustin Walker (Yam); 3. Brannon Ferguson (Kaw).
125 C: 1. Doug Earls (Suz); 2. Shane Hager (Kaw); 3. Tim Bunter (Kaw).
125 D: 1. Brian Smith (Hon); 2. Brian Bolick (Suz); 3. Jesse Baker (Suz).
250 A: 1. Chad Newton (Suz); 2. William Wilson (Yam); 3. Chris Brown (Kaw); 4. Jason Thompson (Hon).
250 B: 1. Nicholas McAllister (Kaw); 2. Jamie Nicholson (Yam); 3. Jay Taylor (Suz).
250 C: 1. Clint Harbison (Kaw); 2. Brian Bishop (Hon); 3. Monte Lewis (Kaw).
250 D: 1. Donald Mays Jr. (Hon); 2. Ari Relford (Hon); 3. Thomas Ward (Hon).
25+ A: 1. Joel Nicky Baker (Suz).
25+ B: 1. Jay Taylor (Suz); 2. Matthew Turledge (Hon); 3. Russ Pickett (Hon).
25+ C: 1. Monte Lewis (Kaw); 2. Willis Vance II (Yam); 3. Tommy Hicks (Hon).
30+ A: 1. Joel Nicky Baker (Suz).
30+ B: 1. Russ Pickett (Hon); 2. Alex Croft (Suz).
30+ C: 1. Steve Fish (Hon); 2. Timothy Camp (Hon); 3. Todney Brooks (Suz).
35+: 1. Keith Smith (Yam); 2. Alex Croft (Suz); 3. Bruce Sapp (Suz).
40+: 1. Gary Baisden (Suz); 2. Keith Smith (Yam).
U/L AM: 1. Jamie Nicholson (Yam); 2. Nicholas McAllister (Kaw); 3. Nicholas Burns (Hon).
U/L C/D: 1. Adam Patterson (Yam); 2. Jason Cruse (Suz); 3. Matthew Bunton (Yam).

Montague caps Las Vegas Motocross win

By Dick Goodwin

LAS VEGAS, NV, FEB. 22
Monty Montague flew his RPM/VPS/PJ1-backed YZ125 to the 125cc Pro-class win at a Las Vegas Motocross club event held at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway.

In the first moto, Montague rocketed into the first turn ahead of Colorado's Travis Riley and Texan Jorge Almanza in the combined 125cc class. Fast Intermediate Adam Burris joined in the fun, racing the pros for one of the top spots. Montague and Riley had it pinned and soon pulled away from the rest of the field. As the laps flew by, the lead grew even larger for the top two, but Montague couldn't shake the determined Riley. Racing through the last lap, it was still a battle royal, with Riley trying everything he could to break down the leader. Montague wouldn't crack and raced on to the victory over Riley and Almanza.

Montague broke out into the lead in race two, and once again it was Riley's Kawasaki nipping at his heels. This time the too-fast top two pulled away from everyone else even sooner than they had in race one. The battle for the top spot was even more intense than in the first race, but the results remained unchanged. Montague, with his second straight win, captured the overall win in the 125cc Pro class. Riley was a very close second, and Almanza claimed third overall.

The 80cc race was run in a combined format and it proved to be a most interesting contest as the two class leaders, Scott Theobald in the 12-13 class and Matt Burris in the 6-11 division, raced each other very closely during both races, way out in front of everyone else. Burris took the physical win, followed by JR Design's Ike Jost and Red Carpet's Matt Reincke. Theobald finished second physically, but first in the 12-13 division, followed by Zack Saathoff and Chance Bulloch.

Results

P/W (4-8) A: 1. Ronnie Goodwin (Cob); 2. Cory Sibley (Lem); 3. Kegan Tuttle (KTM); 4. Andrew Iovino (KTM); 5. Kyle Lewis (Act).
P/W (4-6) B: 1. Robert Campbell (KTM); 2. Casey Mello (Yam); 3. Jeremy Sudbury (KTM); 4. Cody Giordano (KTM); 5. Thomas Yagle (Suz).
P/W MOD: 1. Kirk Payne (KTM).
60 BEG (6-8): 1. Marne Samuels (Kaw); 2. L. Hanna (Kaw); 3. Kirk Payne (KTM); 4. Ronnie Goodwin (Kaw); 5. Tony Caputo (Kaw).
60 BEG (9-11): 1. Cameron Phelan (Kaw); 2. Justin Hunt (Kaw); 3. Patrick Proyencher (Kaw); 4. Michael McManus (Kaw); 5. Cody Grobstein (Kaw).
60 JR CYCLE (6-11): 1. Ike Jost (Kaw); 2. Kyle Behling (Kaw); 3. Wesley Harris (Kaw); 4. Anthony Hart (Kaw); 5. Brian Derschan (Kaw).
80 BEG: 1. Zack Grobstein (Hon); 2. Erik Hodges (Suz).
80 NOV (6-11): 1. Matt Burris (Kaw); 2. Ike Jost (Kaw); 3. Matt Reincke (Hon); 4. Adam Derschan (Hon); 5. Nick Bulloch (Kaw).
80 NOV (12-13): 1. Scott Theobald (Yam); 2. Zack Saathoff (Kaw); 3. Chance Bulloch (Yam); 4. Grant Klann (Kaw); 5. Jason Lopez (Kaw).
80 OPEN: 1. Scott Theobald (Yam); 2. Ike Jost (Kaw); 3. Zack Saathoff (Kaw); 4. Grant Klann (Kaw); 5. Matt Reincke (Hon).
S/MINI: 1. Matt Burris (Kaw); 2. Vinnie Coppola (Hon); 3. Joshua Thurgood (Hon); 4. Christopher Phelan (Kaw).
125 BEG: 1. Seth Randall (Suz); 2. Joe Sheffield (Yam); 3. Cody Gower (Suz); 4. Hector Villa (Suz); 5. Raul Villa (Suz).
125 NOV: 1. Derrick Polson (Yam); 2. Mark Hermann (Kaw); 3. Jason Derschan (Kaw); 4. Christopher Phelan (Yam); 5. David Munoz (Hon).
125 INT: 1. Adam Burris (Yam).
125 PRO: 1. Monte Montague (Yam); 2. Travis Riley (Kaw); 3. Jorge Almarza (Yam).
250 NOV: 1. Kevin Bailey (Suz); 2. Tom Slick (Hon).
250 INT: 1. Scott Burris (Yam).
250 PRO: 1. Travis Riley (Kaw).
MSTR 25+ BEG: 1. Thomas Yagle (Hon); 2. Bill Miller (Hon); 3. Sean Hubbard (Suz); 4. Chris Champlin (Hon); 5. Zane Hollander (Hon).
MSTR 25+ NOV: 1. Mike Trichert (Suz); 2. Brian Hochnfriel (Hon); 3. Bobby Hunt (Yam); 4. Kevin Bailey (Suz); 5. Lanie Giordano (Kaw).
MSTR 25+ INT: 1. Matt Hermann (Kaw).

Burkhart delivers at RMXA Winter Series Final

By Gregory K. Corns

AURORA, CO, FEB. 15
Temperatures near freezing couldn't deter Broomfield, Colorado's Darrin Burkhart from winning the Over 30 class as the Rocky Mountain Motocross Association hosted its Winter Series Championship and GNC qualifier at Watkins Raceway.

Boulder Yamaha/Fox/Emig Racing's Randy Hocker from Erie, Colorado, jumped out to an early lead in moto one. Honda-mounted Flint Velasquez and KX rider Darrell Miller were in hot pursuit, with another Boulder Yamaha racer, Burkhart, holding down the fourth position. The front-runners' placement remained the same until midway through the race, when the front end of Velasquez's Honda washed out, putting him on the ground and allowing Miller and Burkhart to pass into second and third. By the next lap, Burkhart jumped into second and put forth a hard charge for the lead, only to come up a wheel length short of Hocker at the checkers. Miller took third, Velasquez fourth, and Sean Hickey rounded out the top five.

In moto two, Hocker got the holeshot and again put his Yamaha out front, with Burkhart knocking on the door, following in a close second. The two rounded the race track wheel to wheel, lap after lap, pulling a nice lead on the rest of the field. On the white-flag lap, Hocker and Burkhart launched their Yamahas over the 90-foot tabletop side by side. The two were bar to bar over the next three jumps. Hocker then went wide in a tight left-hander, allowing Burkhart enough room to squeeze inside. Sailing over the final two tabletops, Burkhart was able to get the job done and take the checkers along with the overall. Hocker came in second, Velasquez third, Miller fourth and David Danko fifth.

A four-way battle developed in the 250cc A class, with SMP/Smith/Fox-sponsored Kevin Hall Jr. putting his Suzuki out front. Yamaha pilot Mike Boswell followed closely in second, with Matt Karlsen, also on a YZ, in third. Fay Meyers/Fox/Racers Edge rider Wes Hale trailed in fourth, but had a difficult time getting past Mike Reswell and Karlsen, who kept swapping lines while battling for position. At the checkers, it was Hall, Boswell, Karlsen and Hale, with Afam/Cortez Trucking/Arnnette's Chad Sharp in fifth.

A tight S-turn, located at the end of the starting-line straightaway, proved difficult for Karlsen in moto two. As the pack funneled into the turn, Karlsen was pinched out and went cartwheeling end over end. Unhurt, he was able to charge back to fourth by end of the race. Boswell took the win, with Hale second and Hall third. Rounding out the top five was Lance Fark on a Yamaha.

Results

50 (0-9): 1. Vinnie Ramirez (Lem); 2. Andrew Valdez (Cob); 3. Anthony Griego (Act); 4. Dalton Mayer (Cob); 5. Ricky LaMontagne (KTM).

60 (6-8): 1. Ryan Dungey (Kaw); 2. Robert Hiser (Kaw); 3. Aaron McClintock (Kaw); 4. Andrew Valdez (Kaw); 5. Sammy Makinson (Yam).

60 (9-11): 1. Ryan Walton (Kaw); 2. Jeremiah Warmuth (Kaw); 3. Vinnie Ramirez (Kaw); 4. Michael Haight (Kaw); 5. Tanner Huergesen (Kaw).

80 (7-11): 1. Lance Hiser (Yam); 2. Brady Sharp (Kaw); 3. Mathew Hurtzing (Suz), 4. Kyle Stroud (Yam); 5. Derek Brewster (Suz).

80 (12-13): 1. Marc Warmuth (Hon); 2. Kevin Head; 3. Adam Luhrs (Suz); 4. Tony Valdez (Suz); 5. Brandon McGray (Suz).

80 (14-16): 1. Matt Whitmarsh (Kaw); 2. Tim Velasquez (Kaw); 3. Jonathan Sanchez (Hon); 4. Aaron Wersinger (Hon); 5. Brandon Heitt (Hon).

S/MINI: 1. Matt Whitmarsh (Kaw); 2. Tim Velasquez (Kaw); 3. Lance Hiser (Yam); 4. Adam Luhrs (Suz); 5. Tony Valdez (Suz).

YTH BEG: 1. Gavin Beissel (Suz); 2. Rocky Rivers (Kaw); 3. Bobby Burkitt (Kaw); 4. Peter Freas (Kaw); 5. Travis Marten (Kaw).

125 SCHBY: 1. Brandon Hightower (Yam); 2. Clint Peterson (Kaw); 3. Clifton Stroud (Yam); 4. Kendall Stafford (Yam); Chris Longwell (Kaw).

16-24: 1. Bobby Fitch (Yam); 2. Matt Karlsen (Yam); 3. Doug Leavitt (Kaw); 4. Josh Murphy (Yam); 5. Danny Lookhant (Yam).

125 A: 1. Bobby Fitch (Yam); 2. Kevin Hall Jr. (Suz); 3. Adam Nazarenus (Hon); 4. Mark Head (Suz); 5. Wes Hale (Suz).

125 B: 1. Doug Leavett (Kaw); 2. Kyle Locke (Yam); 3. Clifton Stroud (Yam); 4. Jeff Brewster (Suz); 5. Mike Oliver (Yam).

125 C: 1. Hal Strauss (Yam); 2. James Funk (Kaw); 3. Mathew Wood (Yam); 4. William Downing (Kaw); 5. Paul Campbell (Yam).

OPEN BEG: 1. Hal Strauss (Yam); 2. James Funk (Kaw); 3. Richard Gallovich; 4. Paul Kilbourn (Yam). 5. Steve Gray (Yam).

250 A: 1. Mike Reswell (Yam); 2. Kevin Hall Jr. (Suz); 3. Wes Hale (Suz); 4. Matt Karlsen (Yam); 5. Lance Fark (Yam).

250 B: 1. Curtis Elworthy (Hon); 2. Clint Tellett (Kaw); 3. Aaron Bertsch (Yam); 4. John Russel (Hon); 5. Mike Welty (Hon).

250 C: 1. Ron Curry (Hon); 2. Joe Young (Kaw); 3. Jeff Regan (Yam); 4. Steve Gray (Yam); 5. Tom Norrow (Kaw).

25+ A: 1. Andy Atkins (Kaw); 2. Mike Reswell (Yam); 3. Darrin Burkhart (Yam); 4. Randy Hocker (Yam); 5. Tom Kendrick (Hon).

25+ B/C: 1. Jeff Brewster (Suz); 2. Johnny Clifford (Hon); 3. Erik Casey; 4. Craig Buck (Yam); 5. Jeremy Maycroft (Kaw).

30+ A: 1. Darrin Burkhart (Yam); 2. Randy Hocker (Yam); 3. Flint Velasquez (Hon); 4. Darrell Miller (Kaw); 5. Mark Miller (Hon).

30+ B: 1. Pat McDonough (Hon); 2. Dean Haight (Yam); 3. Johnny Clifford (Hon); 4. David McMechen (Suz); 5. Craig Buck (Yam).

30+ C: 1. David Barr (Kaw); 2. Ethan Bertsch (Yam); 3. Jerry Lizakowski (Hon); 4. Shawn Elworthy (Hon); 5. Jeff Regan (Yam).

40+ A: 1. Mike Marshall (Hon); 2. Jeff George (Yam); 3. David Pickett (Kaw); 4. Dale Winczewski (Yam).

40+ B: 1. Donald Warmuth (Hon); 2. Mark Anderson (Kaw).

40+ C: 1. Richard Gallovich; 2. Stephen Halasz (Yam); 3. Kenneth Hruby (Hon); 4. Mark Erickson (Kaw).

WMN A: 1. Brookie Renker (Yam); 2. Christine Donovan (Hon); 3. Dawn Winczewski (Yam); 4. Laura Little (Hon); 5. Cindy Bennett (KTM).

WMN B/C: 1. Cheryl Place (Yam); 2. Layne Gibson (KTM); 3. Rhonda Linkus (Hon); 4. Dawn Hartman (Hon); 5. Shanee Arnold (Kaw).

Kellogg and Janssen take two at Casper Arenacross

By Jesi Jones

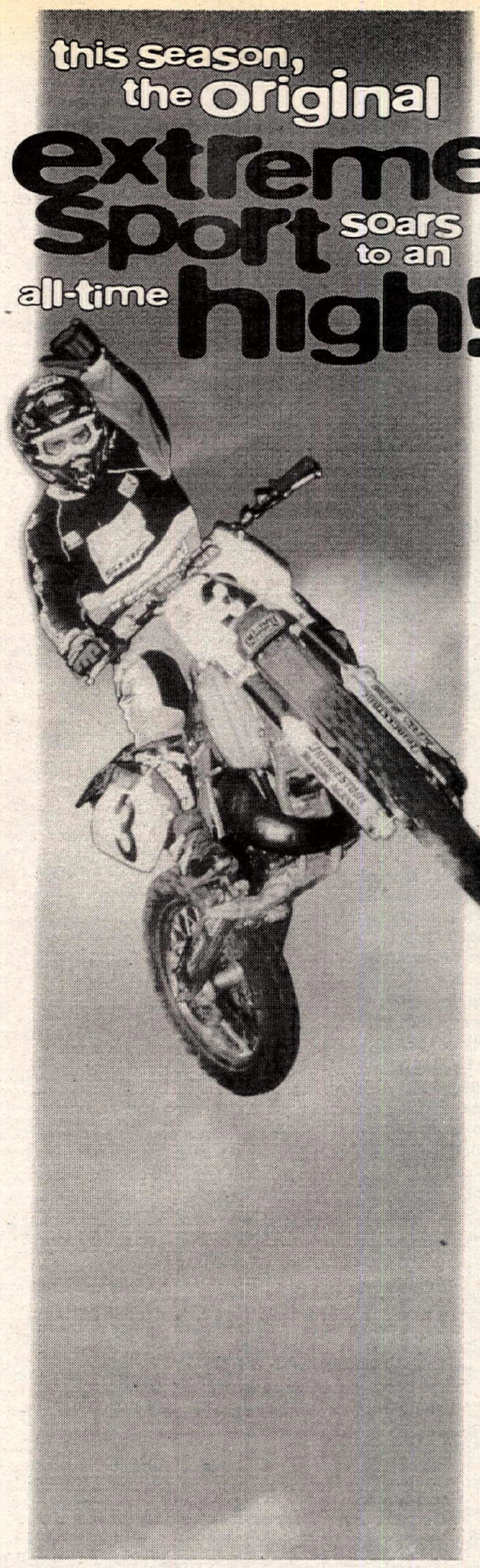
CASPER, WY, FEB. 14

Josh Kellogg and Erik Janssen had a good evening, winning the 125 and 250cc Pro and 125 and 250cc Intermediate classes, respectively, at round five of the Bardahl/Dunlop Arenacross series by Checkered Flag Productions. This racing series combines indoor arenacross with other motorsports events.

Jon Hedden from Wichita, Kansas, and Kenny Bartram from Stillwater, Oklahoma, came for-the $500/$1000 first-place prize money offered in the 125/250cc Pro races, along with riders from six other states. Janssen, a leading B rider from Colorado, came poised to take two wins in the Intermediate ranks.

In the Pro qualifiers, F&S Suzuki's Bartram drew a second-row start or came from behind in his 125 and 250cc qualifiers, besting Jared Carlson of Colorado, while Kellogg took the second 250cc qualifier.

The Amateur main events were runaways for Janssen's F&S/JT/GSMXS-backed Suzuki. He was either first or second into the first corner in both the 125 and 250cc main events. The competition was stretched out, with Janssen lapping up to fourth place. Shane Crawford, on a



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(Above) Pat Barton topped the Over 25 Expert class at the Pan American Senior MX Championship at Hardrock Cycle Park in Florida. (Left) Joey Casey leads overall winner Dallas Nyblod in the 250cc Expert class at Woodland MX Park in Washington.

Honda, maintained sight of Janssen through the 125cc main until the second-to-the-last lap, when he fell; he would finish third.

The Pro mains were tight and exciting, and the track was so technical that not one 125 cleared the triple jump. Only the top pros tried on 250s. Bartram pulled the holeshot in the 125cc main but was bumped and went down in the first corner, resuming in last place. Trent Hansen took the lead, followed closely by Kellogg and Carlson. Kellogg quickly took over as Carlson closed in on him for the lead. Bartram, with the fastest lap times, charged through the pack and moved into third place. It looked like Bartram might have had a shot at the win, but a fall in a corner held him to fourth place by the checkers. Carlson showed Kellogg a wheel but never presented a serious challenge, and he settled for second in front of Hansen.

The 250cc race had Bartram, Kellogg, Hansen and Carlson all lined up together in the best gate positions. Kellogg pulled the holeshot, with Bartram close on his rear wheel and Carlson and Hansen right behind. Kellogg and Bartram started to pull a lead, with Bartram making several attempts to pass. On lap five, Bartram and Kellogg bumped, with Bartram losing the battle as he went down and lost several positions. By posting the fastest lap times again, Bartram quickly made it back to third behind Carlson, but another fall took him out of contention for good. Kellogg took the win ahead of Carlson and Hedden.

Results

50 P/W: 1. Dillon Potter (Yam); 2. Casey McKim.

80 AM: 1. Bo Kasper (Yam); 2. Mike Dubell (Yam); 3. Ryan Jaycock (Kaw); 4. Jeremy Hanson (Yam); 5. Chris Ainslie (Hon).

125 AM: 1. Erik Janssen (Suz); 2. Bo Kasper (Yam); 3. Shane Crawford (Hon); 4. Kendal Stafford (Yam); 5. Jeremy Rayburn (Kaw).

125 PRO: 1. Josh Kellogg (Yam); 2. Jared Carlson (Kaw); 3. Trent Hansen (Hon); 4. Kenny Bartram (Suz); 5. Jon Oler (Yam).

250 AM: 1. Erik Janssen (Suz); 2. Corey Seitz (Yam); 3. Darce Laws (Hon); 4. Jeremy Eastin (Suz); 5. Pete Guerra (Kaw).

250 PRO: 1. Josh Kellogg (Yam); 2. Jared Carlson (Kaw); 3. Jon Hedden (Yam); 4. Trent Hensen (Hon); 5. Denton Shaffer (Kaw).

Edwards earns three in AMA/PJ1 Amateur Arenacross

By Jesi Jones

DENVER, CO, FEB. 22

Ancae-backed Brian Edwards rode his Kawasakis to the 125 and 250cc Open and 250cc Intermediate-class wins in the Amateur program for the Denver round of AMA/PJ1 National Arenacross Series.

An exciting race was put on by Thor/FMF/Yamaha-backed Ryan Dirks in the Schoolboy class. With a commanding holeshot, Dirks quickly pulled a lead. Dirks then caught a hay-bale cover on one of his footpegs halfway through the first lap and it waved in the air like a flag for the rest of the race. Dirks did all of the obstacles with two other bikes in close pursuit, waiting for the plastic to melt and affect his brakes. It wasn't to be, and Dirks took the win in front of Logan Darien and Sam Fhuere.

The 125cc B class had the fastest lap times of the day, as Short pulled the holeshot with Edwards close behind. Edwards stayed in close pursuit for the first two laps until he dropped back, remaining close enough to move in if Short made any mistakes. Back in the pack, F&S/JT-backed Erik Janssen got stuck in first-corner traffic and had to work up from fifth place. Janssen quickly moved into fourth and eventually third, but time ran out before he could show the winner, Edwards, or the second-place finisher, Short, a wheel.

In the 250cc B heats, Edwards, Short and Janssen were doing all of the Pro jumps except one triple, but they were all thinking about it. Edwards pulled the holeshot in the main and maintained extraordinary line control throughout the race, keeping a charging Short behind. From a second-row start, Janssen made his way quickly through the pack, but could only manage fourth place behind Honda-Suzuki of Salt Lake-backed Skyler Harris. Edwards held on for the win, in front of Short in second.

The 125cc Open main was a runaway for Edwards, with no serious threat even close. However, in the 250cc Open class, Edwards had to deal with early-race pressure from Janssen before pulling away to his third victory of the day.

Results

50 (4-6): 1. Bradley McBride (KTM); 2. Anthony Griego (Act); 3. Garrett Tyrrell (KTM); 4. Nathan DeAndrea (KTM); 5. Jordan Alden (KTM).

50 (7-8): 1. Jake Erickson (Cob); 2. Robert Imondi (Cob); 3. Joseph Garcia (Lem); 4. Andrew Valdez (Cob); 5. Dan Klinger (Cob).

65 (7-11): 1. Brady Sharp (Kaw); 2. Jensen Lewi (Kaw); 3. Kyle Cohrs (Kaw); 4. Jake Erickson (Kaw); 5. Alex Malott (Kaw).

85 (7-11): 1. Brady Sharp (Kaw); 2. Levi Jensen (Suz); 3. Zach Blackwell (Hon); 4. Zach Wertz (Hon); 5. Michael Carder (Suz).

85 (12-13): 1. Ernie Phillips II (Suz); 2. Tony Valdez (Suz); 3. Adam Luhrs (Suz); 4. Matt Fhuere (Kaw); 5. Mark Blackwell (Hon).

85 (14-15): 1. Sam Fhuere (Kaw); 2. Steve Bennett (Kaw); 3. Ethan Bates (Yam); 4. Seth Padilla (Yam); 5. Aaron Wersinger (Hon).

85 OPEN: 1. Steven Bennett (Kaw); 2. Ernie Phillips II (Suz); 3. Tony Valdez (Suz); 4. Matt Fhuere (Kaw); 5. Mark Blackwell (Hon).

125 SCHBY: 1. Ryan Dirks (Yam); 2. Logan Darien (Kaw); 3. Sam Fhuere (Kaw); 4. Michael Pray (Kaw); 5. Kendal Stafford (Yam).

125 OPEN: 1. Brian Edwards (Kaw); 2. Dustin Monger (Kaw); 3. Dustin Cashman (Yam); 4. Jason Burnside (Hon); 5. Ryan Dirks (Yam).

125 BEG: 1. Jason Thompson (Yam).

125 NOV: 1. Michael Pray (Kaw); 2. Jeff Martinez (Yam); 3. McFly Scheel (Suz); 4. Zac Dawson (Hon); 5. Brian Stokes (Yam).

125 INT: 1. Andrew Short (Kaw); 2. Brian Edwards (Kaw); 3. Erik Janssen (Suz); 4. Rick Dittus (Kaw); 5. Clint Peterson (Kaw).

250 OPEN: 1. Brian Edwards (Kaw); 2. Erik Janssen (Suz); 3. Skyler Harris (Suz); 4. Pete Bushman (Kaw); 5. Donnie Fetters (Kaw).

250 BEG: 1. Rice Pickerins (Hon); 2. Josh Havens (Yam); 3. Larry Kastner (Kaw); 4. Rich Voelker (Hon); 5. Chris Morino.

250 NOV: 1. Matt Seitz (Yam); 2. Greg Liebetrau (Hon); 3. Kyle Widows (Kaw); 4. Rob York (Yam); 5. Robby Eickbush (Yam).

250 INT: 1. Brian Edwards (Kaw); 2. Andrew Short (Kaw); 3. Skyler Harris (Suz); 4. Erik Janssen (Suz); 5. Kirt Huff (Yam).

25+: 1. Travis Hodges (Kaw); 2. Stacy Ditter (Kaw): 3. Darren Kohelt (Kaw); 4. Randy Hocker (Yam); 5. Larry Hoff (Hon).

30+: 1. Randy Hicker (Yam); 2. Rick Dittus (Kaw); 3. Stacy Ditter (Kaw); 4. Larry Hoff (Hon); 5. Johnny Clifford (Hon).

Steinrock, Fogg rule PanAm Senior Motocross

By Mike Micheli

OCALA, FL, MAR. 1

Perfect track conditions set the stage for the first running of the Pan American Senior MX Championships at Hardrock Cycle Park. Track manager Jack Kann prepared a challenging course over the hilly terrain that sorely tested the stamina of the Seniors, many of whom hadn't raced since last fall.

Iron men Jeff Steinrock and Thomas Fogg were two riders who were clearly up to the challenge, both competing for titles in three classes. Steinrock narrowly nosed out Ken Frankenberry for the Over 40 Expert overall, both Kawasaki pilots eking out a moto win. He in turn was topped by Michigan Mafia rider Kreg Bigelow in the hotly contested Over 35 Expert class and had to settle for third in the Over 30 Expert class. Fogg, a gnarly old Florida 'gator, edged out Kevin Wilson for the Over 40 B win, but he had to settle for second best in the Over 45 and Over 50 classes.

Suzuki ace Pat Barton took the Over 25 Expert honors over a tenacious Joseph Ellington. Not to be denied, Ellington settled the score with a hard-fought win over the pesky Barton in the Over 30 contest. For Gary Peak, a man who regularly migrates to Florida for seasonal R&R, Sunday's outcome was bittersweet. Peak rode smoothly to victory on the strength of two moto wins in the Over 45 class against Fogg and long-time challenger Skip Stewart. The expected battle between current Over 50-class National number-one plate holder Peak and former champ Bill Vanvugt didn't happen. After leading most of the first moto, Peak had the win taken from him by the Canadian on the final lap.

Anxious to turn the tables in the second race, Peak was left frustrated at the gate with a bike that wouldn't start. Vanvugt cruised to an easy victory, followed by Fogg and Stewart.

The Over 60 men were pictures of consistency with identical scores in each moto - George Singler first, Roy Maley Jr. second and Ron Hadley third.

As intense as the racing was, the atmosphere at Hardrock is decidedly laid-back. Fun-loving promoter Randy Kuentjes added a tandem race for halftime entertainment. That's right - two people on one motorcycle, but it didn't have to be a motorcycle. An unidentified mom-and-pop team electrified the crowd on a Honda Helix scooter. The winners were Support-class ringer teens Mike Kann and Dustin Kuentjes.

Results

50: 1. Karel Benoit (Act); 2. Jordan Marlin (Cob); 3. Tyler Plummer (KTM); 4. Dylan Warner (Yam).

60: 1. David Millsaps (Kaw); 2. Kaven Benoit (Kaw); 3. Karel Benoit (Kaw); 4. Matthew Theus (Kaw); 5. Jordan Marlin (Kaw).

80: 1. David Millsaps (Suz); 2. Jared Kuentjes (Yam); 3. Kyle Garro (Yam); 4. Jason Gillespie (Kaw); 5. Adam Martik (Suz).

125 A: 1. Michael Kann (Yam); 2. Dustin Kuentjes (Suz); 3. Richard Watson (Suz); 4. Maxine LaPointe (Kaw); 5. Mike May (Suz).

125 B: 1. Homans Simon (Hon); 2. Timothy Bantle (Kaw); 3. Bernie Plummer (Hon); 4. Bruce Delano (Yam); 5. Chance Harriman (Kaw).

125 C: 1. Darren Fortin (Yam); 2. Levon Buchaksian (Yam); 3. Patrick Manning (Yam); 4. Marvin Sanders (Yam); 5. Scott Beverly (Suz).

250 A: 1. Fernando Macia (Yam); 2. Michael Kann (Yam); 3. Richard Watson (Suz); 4. Dustin Kuentjes (Suz); 5. John Lucas (Hon).

250 B: 1. Shane Jenkins (Suz); 2. Keith DeGrand (Kaw) 4. Thomas Simon (Hon).

250 C: 1. Jim Bennett (Hon); 2. Junior Johnson (Suz); 3. Jeff McKinney (Hon); 4. David Keith (KTM); 5. Chuck Paevy (Yam).

25+ EX: 1. Pat Barton (Suz); 2. Joseph Ellington (Yam); 3. Fernando Macia (Yam); 4. Christopher Lykens (Kaw); 5. John Lyons (Hon).

25+ B: 1. Shane Jenkins (Suz); 2. Jack Rosati; 3. Eddie Karban (Kaw); 4. John Wolfe (Kaw); 5. Robert Lash Jr. (Kaw).

30+ EX: 1. Joseph Ellington (Yam); 2. Pat Barton (Suz); 3. Jeff Steinrock (Kaw); 4. Tom Dretzka (Kaw); 5. Kreg Bigelow (KTM).

30+ B: 1. John Wolfe (Kaw); 2. John Hanford (Hon); 3. John Hauf (Hon); 4. Jack Rosati; 5. John Gillespie (Hon).

35+ EX: 1. Kreg Bigelow (KTM); 2. Jeff Steinrock (Kaw); 3. Ken Frankenberry (Kaw); 4. Jeff Heaston (Kaw); 5. Tom Dretzka (Kaw).

35+ B: 1. Allan Jaggard; 2. John Hauf (Hon); 3. Freddy Bashor (Suz); 4. John Gillespie (Hon); 5. Levon Buchaksian (Yam).

40+ EX: 1. Jeff Steinrock (Kaw); 2. Ken Frankenberry (Kaw); 3. David Ellis (Hon); 4. Jeff Heaston (Kaw); 5. Allan Jaggard.

40+ B: 1. Thomas Fogg (Yam); 2. Kevin Wilson (Suz); 3. Brian Fersner (Hbg); 4. Neil Williamson (Hon); 5. Pete DeGrand (Kaw).

45+: 1. Gary Peak (Kaw); 2. Thomas Fogg (Yam); 3. Skip Stewart (Hon); 4. Kevin Wilson (Suz); 5. Don Hachmeister (Kaw).

50+: 1. Bill Vanvugt (Kaw); 2. Thomas Fogg (Yam); 3. Skip Stewart (Hon); 4. Dick Robbins (Kaw); 5. Philip Hanford (Hon).

60+: 1. George Singler (Hon); 2. Roy Maley Jr. (Hon); 3. Ron Hadley (Hbg); 4. Herbert Doan (Hbg); 5. Clint Swafford.

WMN: 1. Angie Keuntjes (Yam); 2. Kay McCallister (Yam).

Nyblod nails down Woodland MX wins

By Clay Light

WOODLAND, WA, MAR.8

Yamaha-mounted Dallas Nyblod nailed down a double class decimation in what was only his second appearance of the 1997-98 season at Woodland Motocross Park. He scored Vintage wins in the 250cc and Over 30 Expert classes.

Nyblod, riding a 1974 Yamaha YZ250, had his hands full in both of his classes, as Joe Casey and his potent 1973 Honda CR250 Elsinore pushed Casey throughout both of the 250cc Expert-class motos. Casey and Nyblod exchanged positions many times each lap during moto one, which finally went Casey's way.

Casey and Nyblod's battle continued in moto two, and it was a battle that would go to the finish, but this time the order was reversed. Nyblod netted the first of his two overall wins with a 2-1 tally to beat Casey. Casey used a 1-2 score to net second, ahead of Can-Am rider Chris Castles' 3-3 placings.

Randy Brown, on a machine similar to Nyblod's, won the overall in the highly competitive 250cc Intermediate class, which was combined with the Experts. Christopher Jerries, also Yamaha-mounted, ran close to Brown in both of the motos but, despite a fine second-place ride in moto one, James' fine performance was hampered by a flat rear tire late in moto two, dropping him from second to fourth. This allowed Husky rider Neil Giertsen to grab second overall.

Nyblod's double class win tally was finalized after using another 2-1 performance, this time coming in the Over 30 Expert class. Fellow YZ rider Ron Fish won the first moto, but Nyblod, who for many years reigned as the Northwest's top vintage motocrosser, stormed back to beat Fish after another close challenge.

CZ rider Reece Dengler won the Intermediate portion with his consistent 2-3 showings, beating moto winners Jonathan Stuart (1-4) and Jeff Pugh (6-1).

Visiting Californian Ed Newnan turned some heads by grabbing the holeshot in the first 125cc Expert/Intermediate moto, but Casey took Newnan's lead away early on the first lap and easily won. Moto two was much the same as Casey led Newnan in the early stages. Newnan, however, seized up his borrowed Honda CR125, finishing his day on a sour note. Mike Harwood won the Intermediate portion with 1-1 rides.

Results

XR75: 1. Mason Powell.

WMN AM: 1. Ava Casey (Hon); 2. Valerie Ulver (Yam); 3. Nicole Sprague (Hon); 4. Amy Light (Bul); 5. Charlene Sackrider (Yam).

WMN INT: 1. Luann Swisher (Hon).
WMN EVO: 1. Lana Ingham (Yam); 2. Cathy Brown (Yam).
PRE-'70 AM: 1. John Laughlin (Duc).
PRE-'70 INT: 1. Steve Sprague (Bul); 2. Ken Burningham (BSA): 3. Tommy McFarland (BSA); 4. Rob Iverson (Yam); 5. Ed Parsons (BSA).
PRE-'70 EX: 1. Gene Boere (Tri); 2. Mike Budschadt (Duc); 3. Dirk Murphy (Oss).
125 AM: 1. Cody Sprague (Hon); 2. Steve Kauffman (Hod); 3. Glen Finneran (C-A); 4. Wayne Estes (Yam); 5. Jeff Gleason (Bul).
125 INT: 1. Mike Hammond (Hon); 2. Dane Batty (Kaw): 3. Jeff Anderson (C-A).
125 EX: 1. Joe Casey (Hon); 2. Ed Newnan (Hon); 3. Jeff Pugh (Hon).
250 AM: l. Darrell Kilgore (Yam); 2. Jim McFarland (Hon); 3. Michael Cox (Yam); 4. Sean Light (Bul); 5. Luann Swisher (Hon).
250 INT: 1. Randy Brown (Yam); 2. Neil Giertsen (Hus); 3. C.J. James (Yam); 4. Brian Swisher (Yam); 5. Dale Franklin (Hon).
250 EX: 1. Dallas Nyblod (Yam); 2. Joe Casey (Hon): 3. Chris Castles (C-A).
OPEN AM: 1. Dan Barker (CZ); 2. Jim McFarland (CZ); 3. Darian Sleeper (Hus); 4.Chad Insel (Hus).
OPEN INT: 1. Doug Powell (CZ); 2. Reece Dengler (CZ); 3. Kenny Brynn (CZ); 4. Dana Salsman (Yam).
OPEN EX: 1. Ron Fish (Yam).
30+ AM: 1. Chad Insel (Hus); 2. Tim Courson (Yam); 3. Andy Scheen (Yam).
30+ INT: 1. Reece Dengler (CZ); 2. John Stuart (Yam); 3. Jeff Pugh (Hon).
30+ EX: 1. Dallas Nyblod (Yam); 2. Ron Fish (Yam).
40+ AM: 1. Darrell Kilgore (Yam); 2. Dan Barker (CZ); 3. Darian Sleeper.
40+ INT: 1. Kenny Brynn (CZ); 2. Doug Powell (CZ); 3. Mark Detweiler (CZ); 4. Dana Salsman (Yam); 5. Ken McCorkle (Yam).
40+ EX: 1. Larry Legarra (Bul); 2. Don Montgomery (Hon); 3. Chris Castles (C-A); 4. Bob Rush (CZ); 5. Charlie Brown (Mon).
50+ AM: 1. John Laughlin (Duc); 2. Bud Abbott (Yam).
50+ INT: 1. Leland Loper (Oss); 2. Rob Iverson (Yam); 3. Ken Burningham (BSA).
50+ EX: 1. Jim Watts (Yam).
60+ AM: 1. Glenn Finneran (C-A); 2. Larry Linde (Hon); 3. Nate House (CZ); 4. Norm Duvall (Yam); 5. Dan McCarthy (Hus).
60+ INT: 1. Maynard Richards (Hon); 2. George Eadie (Yam).
60+ EX: 1. Jim Watts (Yam).
4-STRK INT: 1. Ken Burningham (BSA); 2. Rob Iverson (Mat); 3. Dean Newton (BSA).
4-STRK EX: 1. Don Montgomery (Hon); 2. Mike Budschadt (Duc); 3. Gene Boere (Tri).
4-STRK EVO AM: 1. Mike Bonancini (Kaw); 2. Dan Froemling (Yam); 3. Kenny McCann (Yam).
4-STRK EVO INT: 1. Monty Price (Yam).
4-STRK EVO EX: 1. Mark Studebaker (Yam); 2. LaFaye McCarver (Hon); 3. Henry Nelson (Hon).
0-40 EVO AM: 1. Alex Schoen (Hus); 2. Scott McAllister (Bul); 3. Jeff Hohnstein (Kaw).
0-40 EVO INT: 1. J.R. Neuman (Suz); 2. John Adams (Hon).
0-40 EVO EX: 1. Jesse Buckley (Yam).
40+ EVO AM: 1. Mark Legarra (Suz); 2. Dale Jacobus (Yam); 3. Frank Campbell (Hon).
40+ EVO EX: 1. Larry Legarra (Suz); 2. Greg Rogers (Mai); 3. Charlie Brown (Mon).
125 EVO AM: 1. Allen Toledo (Hon); 2. Russ Lynch (Hon); 3. Dale Jacobus (Yam); 4. Kenny Randall (Yam); 5. Kyle Ingham (Yam).
250 EVO AM: 1. Jeff Hohnstein (Kaw); 2. Wayne Ingham (Yam); 3. Ken Harlan (Hon); 4. Jack Rua (Hon); 5. Aaron Campbell (Hus).
250 EVO INT: 1. Jonathan Stuart (Hon); 2. John Adams (Hon); 3. Bill Brown (Yam).
250 EVO EX: 1. Kirk Williams (Hon).
OPEN EVO AM: 1. Alex Schoen (Hus); 2. Kary Krahel (Mai); 3. Ken Randall (Yam).
OPEN EVO INT: 1. Jay Lael (Mai); 2. J.R. Neuman (Suz); 3. Brian Swisher (Yam).
OPEN EVO EX: 1. Larry Legarra (Suz); 2. Greg Rogers (Mai); 3. John Ulver (Yam); 4. Monty Price (Yam); 5. Kirk Williams (Hon).

Greene runs away with Lowland HS final

By Greg Quador

MORRISTOWN, TN, FEB. 22

The last round of the Tri-State Hare Scrambles Series, held at the new Lowland race facility near Morristown, Tennessee, provided some of the best racing of the series. With sunny skies and moderate temperatures, 124 riders came to either put up or shut up in this final race for this year's bragging rights.

With spectators lining the hillside, Holiday Cycles Kawasaki rider Lester Partlow charged into the lead as he entered the woods section to begin the first lap. Close on his rear fender was Gerald Greene, aboard the Johnson City/Pro Action/Litz Racing/FMF Yamaha. Lap one proved to be more than Partlow had bargained for as Greene was hounding him relentlessly corner after corner, searching for a chance to get by him. Then, entering a tight section, Partlow stalled his engine, and this was just the mistake Greene had been waiting for. Now in the lead, Greene could set the pace and let his big Yamaha chew around the 7-mile course, letting the rest of the field sort out the remaining positions behind him.

Kingsport KTM hotshoe Doby Leonard overcame a midpack start and was running in third place and closing in on Partlow, who had settled into a comfortable second place. With ruts becoming deeper and some of the hillsides getting slippery from a month of rain, riders were starting to pick their lines more carefully. One of those riders was Suzuki-mounted Mike Douglas, who was moving his way through lapped traffic and into a solid fourth place. Also moving up quickly was Heath Salyer, riding his Kawasaki to the limit just to stay ahead of KTM rider Dale Brown for the fifth and sixth spots, respectively. Meanwhile, up front, Greene was having things his way with a full one-minute lead over

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a tiring Lester Partlow. Behind Partlow was a struggling Leonard, who said at the finish that he needed to really work on his conditioning in order to be a threat. Greene crossed the finish line with a decisive win over Partlow and Leonard, leaving no doubt he would be a factor in next year's Tri-State Series.

Results

O/A: 1. Gerald Greene (Yam); 2. Lester Partlow (Kaw); 3. Doby Leonard (KTM).

PRO: 1. Gerald Greene (Yam); 2. Lester Partlow (Kaw); 3. Doby Leonard (KTM); 4. Mike Douglas (Suz); 5. Harvey Whitaker (Kaw).

4-STRK: 1. Chad McCoury (Hon); 2. Brian Williams (Hon); 3. Rob Mielke (Kaw); 4. Nik Johnson (Kaw); 5. Nathan Greene (Hon).

0-240: 1. Wesley Miller (KTM); 2. Bobby Ousley (Kaw); 3. Robert Moore (Suz).

240 BEG: 1. Jeffrey Harbin (Kaw); 2. Tracy Barber (Hon); 3. Matt Cox (Yam); 4. Jason Vanhoy (Kaw); 5. Guy Stump (Kaw).

250: 1. Mark Lewis (Yam); 2. Gary Carrier (Yam); 3. Duane Cullen (Yam); 4. Rodney Holden; 5. Tim Hale (Suz).

250 BEG: 1. Johnny Woods (Hon); 2. Richard Henry (Hon); 3. Todd Thomas (Suz); 4. Adam Delph (Hon); 5. Jason Lawson (KTM).

OPEN: 1. David Wolfe (KTM); Robert Fox (KTM); 3. Todd Eaton (Kaw); 4. Ty Shipley (Yam); 5. Chris Doran (KTM).

25+: 1. Heath Salyer (Kaw); 2. Dale Brown (KTM); 3. Scott Dillon (Hon); 4. Anthony Stout (Yam); 5. Danny Byrd (Hon).

25+ NOV: 1. Jeff Booher (Kaw); 2. Steven Walker (KTM); 3. Lance Rice; 4. Bobby Richards (Kaw); 5. Bryan Hensley (Suz).

30+: 1. Mike Bradshaw (Kaw); 2. Randy White (Yam); 3. Randy Hood (KTM); 4. Wesley Wright (Hon).

30+ NOV: 1. John Warwick (Hon); 2. Wes Vineyard (KTM); 3. Billy Miller (Kaw); 4. John Croley (Yam); 5. Dennis Cross (Kaw).

35+: 1. Jimmy Pratt (Kaw); 2. Butch Cooper (Hon); 3. Charlie Johnson (Yam); 4. Jerry Calvert (Kaw).

35+ NOV: 1. Jeff Hensley.

40+: 1. Gil Griggs (Kaw); 2. John Strange (Suz); 3. Jeff Eads (Kaw); 4. Benny Thompson (Yam); 5. Gary Surcey (Suz).

40+ NOV: 1. Rocky Peterson (KTM); 2. Steven Lewis (KTM); 3. Steve Strange (Hus); 4. David Hopson (Kaw); 5. Peanut Barnett (Kaw).

48+: 1. Tom Sisson (Hon); 2. Claude Fontenot (Suz).

55+: 1. Earl Richards; 2. Fred Hammond (KTM); 3. Ted Shortridge (Kaw).

Final Standings

PRO: 1. Terry Cunningham; 2. Lester Partlow; 3. Mike Douglas; 4. Gerald Greene; 5. Doby Leonard.

4-STRK: 1. Brian Williams; 2. John Scott; 3. Pete Whitaker; 4. David Good; 5. Fred Hardwick.

240: 1. Bobby Ousley; 2. Wesley Miller; 3. Dwayne Leonard; 4. Robert Moore; 5. Matt Cox.

240 BEG: 1. Rick Woods; 2. Jason Vanoy; 3. Mannie Blair; 4. Allan Sorah; 5. Bill Kear.

250: 1. Mark Lewis; 2. Tim Hale; 3. Duane Cullen; 4. Gary Carrier; 5. Dennis Wright.

250 BEG: 1. Johnny Woods; 2. Todd Thomas; 3. Jason Lawson; 4. Richard Henry; 5. Mike Barnett.

OPEN: 1. David Wolfe; 2. Todd Eaton; 3. Josh Gorley; 4. Randy Green; 5. Rodney Holden.

25+: 1. Dale Brown; 2. Scott Dillon; 3. Heath Salyer; 4. Johnny Goggins; 5. Dennis Cross.

25+ NOV: 1. Jeff Booher; 2. Steven Walker; 3. Bobby Richards; 4. Bryan Hensley; 5. Robin Carter.

30+: 1. Randy White; 2. Rick McReynolds; 3. Wes Wright; 4. Mike Bradshaw; 5. Stefan Salyer.

30+ NOV: 1. Billy Miller; 2. John Croley; 3. Rocky McClure; 4. John Warwick; 5. David Gentry.

35+: 1. Jimmy Pratt; 2. Charlie Johnson; 3. Butch Cooper; 4. Jerry Calvert; 5. Pooner Powell.

35+ NOV: 1. Sonny Heath; 2. Jeff Hensley; 3. Mike Day.

40+: 1. Gil Griggs; 2. Gary Surcey; 3. Benny Thompson; 4. James Metzger; 5. Darrell Harley.

40+NOV: 1. Peanut Barnett; 2. David Hopson; 3. Rocky Peterson; 4. Randy Freeman; 5. George Galloway.

48+: 1. Tom Sisson; 2. Ron Hale.

55+: 1. Ted Shortridge; 2. Fred Hammond; 3. Earl Richards.

VINT: 1. Jamie Smith; 2. Brian Curtis; 3. Andy Hall; 4. Rob Mills.

Norton toughs out ATA/SDTR Trials

By Bill Markham

CORRAL CANYON, CA, FEB. 22

Reigning AMA/NATC Trials Champion Geoff Aaron put in an appearance, but Gas Gas rider Kevin Norton was too tough for the rest, as he went on to claim the Expert win in round five of the ATA/SDTR Trials Series in Corral Canyon.

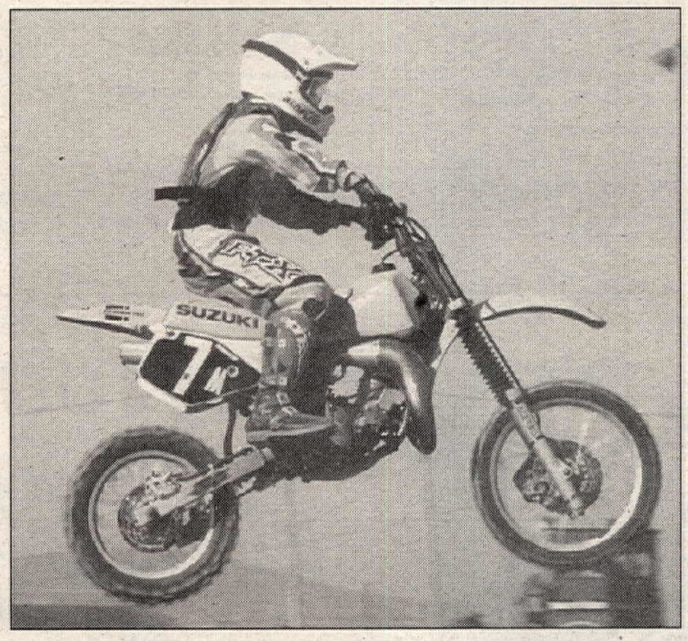
Norton led after the first loop, having carded 12 points to John Robertson's 28 points. Norton wound up with 62 points to Robertson's 72 points.

Section eight was a very difficult one for the Expert riders. Right at the entry was a 6-foot boulder. Once they got on top of it, riders had to make a sharp right turn. Many fives were garnered on the obstacle (except for one three by Robertson). The rocks seemed to be spaced just enough apart to get tires locked up between them. Another boulder that had gotten wet from the rain was a killer. Add in heavy mist and some fog, and the sections were even more challenging.

The sections became a lot more slippery, and riders took more and more points during the rest of the day. Barret Deck had a grip on his Gas Gas, with 46 points after the second loop to Kevin Reynolds' 53 points, but then the third loop came and Reynolds stepped it up, coming in with a 20-point loop to Deck's 26 points. This gave Reynolds a total of 73 points, but Deck's 72-point round allowed him to take the Advanced B-class win by a single mark.

Section nine was extremely difficult, with Advanced B riders carding threes all day. Entering over a wet log, riders turned right over a rock and then went downhill across some water, getting their tires wet and making traction very hard to get for the left turn over a 3-foot rock. Then came the mudhole. Once through all that, riders had to go up a water bed, and this is where they had to have very good throttle control. At this point, there were two lines from which to pick: a floating left turn over a 3-foot rock or a sharp left once they were up on another rock - a maneuver that required textbook balance.

Many riders said that this was one of the best events of season so far.



(Above) Reigning National Trials Champion Geoff Aaron put in an appearance at the ATA/SDTR Corral Canyon Trial, easily taking the win in the Championship class.
(Left) Chris Norr was the man to beat in the 80cc (12-13) class during CRC motocross action at Los Angeles County Raceway in Palmdale, California, on March 1.

Results

C'SHIP: 1. Geoff Aaron (Bet).

NOV A: 1. Art Hall (Fan); 2. Lisa Drechsler.

NOV B: 1. Steve Wright.

INT A: 1. Bill Harmon (Fan); 2. James Rogers (G-G); 3. Don Williams (G-G); 4. Paul DeArmond (Bet); 5. Martin Argo (Bet).

INT B: 1. Matt Parsons (Bul); 2. Kevin Geyer (Yam); 3. James Smith (Bet); 4. Adam Bush (Yam); 5. Thomas McBride (Mon).

ADV A: 1. Clive Harmon (Fan).

ADV B: 1. Barret Deck (G-G); 2. Kevin Reynolds (Mon); 3. Kelly Bellmar (G-G); 4. Jack Heminway (G-G); 5. Charles Rowlett.

MSTR: 1. Oli Thordarson (Mon); 2. Mike Griffitts (Mon); 3. Mark Oldar (Fan); 4. Peter Croft (Mon); 5. Ken Melody (G-G).

EX: 1. Kevin Norton (G-G); 2. John Robertson (G-G).

SPTSMN A: 1. Steve Beck (Yam).

SPTSMN B: 1. Duane Stone (G-G); 2. Gerald Biggers (Bet).

SPTSMN C: 1. Bill Markham (G-G).

Hammond hammers Marion Indoor Motocross

By Rupert X. Pellett

MARION, OH, FEB. 27-28

Pinckney, Michigan's Ian Hammond devastated the rest of the pack in both the 125cc B and Schoolboy classes at Marion's North-Central Indoor Coliseum, as the Suzuki-mounted racer topped both classes on Saturday after winning the B class and netting third in the Schoolboy class on Friday.

More than 400 racers from the Midwest and Canada trekked to the coliseum for a weekend of fast racing and mild temperatures. With the series titles at stake, many classes were barnburners. Thornville, Ohio's Michael Willard made the East Coast debut of the all-new KTM 65 something special as he simply dominated both Friday and Saturday's racing in the formerly all-green 60cc class. Blissfield's Gavin Gracyk flew his Kawasakis to four moto wins over two days after battling the likes of Nick Mowry and F&S-sponsored racers David Whitcraft and Andy Willard. Chuck Reed has made the Pro class his domain, and he continued his dominance of the series by jamming his Suzukis quickly to the front and winning all the 125cc and 250cc Pro races on both days.

Results

Friday

50 (7-8): 1. Kyle McConnell (Cob); 2. Tyler Maxel (Lem); 3. Jacob Kenyon (Cob); 4. Wesley Jett (Cob); 5. Corey Carr (Cob).

65: 1. Michael Willard (KTM); 2. Zach Ames (Kaw); 3. Tyler Bowers (Kaw); 4. Kyle McConnell (Kaw); 5. Adam Lester (Kaw).

80 (7-11): 1. Dillion Watkins (Suz); 2. Jared Grabiel (Suz); 3. Tim Hollenbeck (Hon); 4. Michael Willard (Suz); 5. Zach Ames (Kaw).

80 (12-15): 1. Gavin Gracyk (Kaw); 2. David Whitcraft (Suz); 3. Andy Willard (Suz); 4. Dustin Cottrill (Suz); 5. Ross Adams (Yam).

80 EXTRA: 1. Gavin Gracyk (Kaw); 2. Andy Willard (Suz); 3. Jared Grabiel (Suz); 4. David Whitcraft (Suz); 5. Ross Adams (Yam).

125 PRO: 1. Chuck Reed (Suz); 2. Mike Morgan (Yam); 3. Paul Karle (Suz); 4. Todd Mouser (Suz); 5. C. Strunk (Hon).

125 B: 1. Ian Hammond (Suz); 2. Michael Mercer (Suz); 3. Justin Terrell (Kaw); 4. Josh Hamilton (Hon); 5. Tony Robinson (Kaw).

SCHBY 125: 1. Mike Arnold (Kaw); 2. Shaun Kuchler (Hon); 3. Ian Hammond (Suz); 4. Randall Woodring (Yam); 5. Scott Kuchler (Hon).

250 PRO: 1. Chuck Reed (Suz); 2. Mike Morgan (Kaw); 3. C. Strunk (Hon); 4. Mike Hogan (Hon); 5. Brad Dixon (Kaw).

250 B: 1. Michael Mercer (Suz); 2. Brandon Mather (Kaw); 3. Marcus Biggs (Suz); 4. Dan Jones (Kaw); 5. Vince Langhirt (Kaw).

25+: 1. Mike Morgan (Kaw); 2. Mike Hogan (Hon); 3. Eric Taynor (Hon); 4. Dwight Voltz (Kaw); 5. Dan Jones (Kaw).

30+: 1. Chuck Nicholson (Suz); 2. James Burton (Kaw); 3. Richard E. Custard (Hon); 4. Eric Taynor (Hon); 5. David Norris (Yam).

40+: 1. Mark Ryan (Yam); 2. Gerry Bennett (Suz).

WMN: 1. Darlene Schmitzer (Suz); 2. Monique Schmucker (Yam); 3. Chastain Schmitzer (Kaw); 4. Amanda Shands (Kaw); 5. Jacqueline Shands (Yam).

OPEN B: 1. Shaun Swisher (Hon); 2. Dwight Voltz (Kaw); 3. Dale Ringwald (KTM).

Saturday

P/W (4-8): 1. Jacob Kenyon (Yam); 2. Jordan Strickland (Yam); 3. Westen Hale (Yam); 4. Colby McCutcheon (Yam); 5. Ryan Kerr (Yam).

50 (4-6): 1. Ryan Ivers (Cob); 2. Nathan Heskett (Cob); 3. Jordan Strickland (Cob); 4. Ryan Kerr (Cob); 5. Westen Hale (Cob).

50 (7-8): 1. Kyle McConnell (Cob); 2. Tyler S. Maxel (Lem); 3. Wesley Jett (Cob); 4. Jacob Kenyon (Cob); 5. Devan Welch (Cob).

65: 1. Michael Willard (KTM); 2. Kyle Preston (Kaw); 3. Zach Ames (Kaw); 4. Patrick Massie (Kaw); 5. Tyler Bowers (Cob).

80 (7-11): 1. Dillion Watkins (Suz); 2. Michael Willard (KTM); 3. Timmy Hollenbeck (Hon); 4. Kyle Preston (Yam); 5. Jared Grabiel (Suz).

80 (12-15): 1. Gavin Gracyk (Yam); 2. Nicholas Mowry (Hon); 3. Andy Willard (Suz); 4. David Whitcraft (Suz); 5. Dustin Cottrill (Suz).

80 EXTRA: 1. Gavin Gracyk (Kaw); 2. Dillion Watkins (Suz); 3. David Whitcraft (Suz); 4. Nicholas Mowry (Hon); 5. Andy Willard (Suz).

125 PRO: 1. Chuck Reed (Suz); 2. C. Strunk (Hon); 3. Vincent Karnow (Suz); 4. Paul Karle (Suz); 5. Craig Billingsley (Kaw).

125 B: 1. Ian Hammond (Suz); 2. Michael Mercer (Suz); 3. Tony Robinson (Kaw); 4. Josh Hamilton (Hon); 5. Gerald Bennett (Suz).

125 C: 1. Nathan Scheid (Suz); 2. Travis McQueen (Suz); 3. Jeff Woolum (Kaw); 4. James Miller (Suz); 5. Cory Skinner (Kaw).

250 PRO: 1. Chuck Reed (Suz); 2. C. Strunk (Hon); 3. Vince Karnow (Suz); 4. Mike Hogan (Hon); 5. Mike E. Blair II (Suz).

250 B: 1. Michael Mercer (Suz); 2. Jeff Coles (Suz); 3. Matt Mathias (Suz); 4. Barry Anglemyer (Kaw); 5. Terry Collins (Suz).

250 C: 1. Matt Vermilyea (Kaw); 2. Nathan Scheid (Kaw); 3. Robert Drake (Hon): 4. Jeremiah Kail (Kaw); 5. John Crews (Yam).

16-24: 1. Michael Mercer (Suz); 2. Brad Dixon (Kaw); 3. Tony Robinson (Kaw); 4. Matthew Szorobura (Yam); 5. Justin Terrell (Kaw).

25+: 1. Donald Edwards (Hon); 2. Mike Morgan (Kaw); 3. Chuck Reed (Suz); 4. Mike Hogan (Hon); 5. Dallas Avery (Suz).

30+: 1. Richard Robinson (Hon); 2. Jeff Coles (Suz); 3. Richard E. Custard (Hon); 4. Brad Coles (Suz); 5. Chuck Nicholson (Suz).

40+: 1. Garry Anglemyer (Kaw).

WMN: 1. Darlene Schmitzer (Suz); 2. Chastain Schmitzer (Kaw); 3. Amanda Shands (Kaw); 4. Jennifer Squire (Kaw); 5. Jacqueline Shands.

OPEN B: 1. Shaun Swisher (Hon); 2. Dwight Voltz (Kaw); 3. Dale Ringwald (KTM).

SCHBY: 1. Ian Hammond (Suz); 2. Scott Kuchler (Hon); 3. Branden Perry (Suz); 4. Chris Whitcraft (Suz); 5. Michael Arnold (Kaw).

Memoli doubles CRC Motocross

By Greg Robertson

PALMDALE, CA, MAR. 1

Kawasaki rider Robert Memoli won three out of four motos entered to win both the 60cc (9-11) and 80cc Beginner classes at Los Angeles County Raceway during California Racing Club's Sunday motocross.

The Thor/A-1 Air/Sunstar-sponsored Memoli had a seemingly easy time in the 60cc class, as he turned a couple of holeshots into runaway victories. Brandon Spencer was unable to match the pace set by Memoli and would have to settle for a couple of runner-up finishes ahead of Derreck Murphy.

Memoli found the competition to be tougher in the 80cc class, as Cory Baldwin and Ryan Riess got the jump on him early in the first moto. Memoli pressured Riess up until the midway point, where he was able to make the pass and set out after Baldwin, who held his ground to pick up the first-moto win over Memoli. Riess was a close third, followed by Corey Murphy and Adam Wilson.

Baldwin again took up the lead position as the second moto got under way, with Memoli, Riess and Murphy trailing. Baldwin would hold the lead for the first five laps before Memoli was able to find a way around him. Memoli continued on to collect the first-place trophy with his tie-breaking 2-1 score over the 1-2 rides of Baldwin. Riess (3-3), Wilson (5-4) and Murphy (4-6) rounded out the top five.

It was no contest in the 80cc (12-13) class, as the Nationwide Cycle/N-Style-backed RM80 of Chris Norr went wire to wire for a pair of moto wins. Anthony Barbacovi could only manage a fourth in the opening round, but backed it up with a runner-up finish in moto two to claim second overall. Brian Melsheimer used consistent 3-3 rides to edge out the 2-4 of Mike Epstein for third overall.

Axo/PVK/FMF/Curnutt Shocks/Scott-sponsored Edward Herring was equally impressive in the opening round of 80cc (7-11) action, finishing way out front for the win. Ryan Roybal got around Michael Parker on the first lap to finish second. Matthew Gomez came from out of the pack for third over Dave Carter.

Roybal kept Herring in sight throughout the second moto, but the effortless riding style of Herring made collecting the second-moto win look easy. Carter traded finishing order with Gomez this time out for third overall behind Roybal.

Results

P/W BEG: 1. Webb Massey (KTM); 2. Dylan Kuhn (Lem); 3. Christopher Deeds (KTM).

P/W YAM (4-6): 1. Dylan Pemberton (Yam); 2. Shawn Rhinehart (Yam); 3. Michael Stewart (Yam); 4. Joshua Massey (Yam); 5. Edwardo Carrillo (Yam).

P/W (7-9): 1. Kameron Robinson (Yam); 2. Cale Summerford (Yam); 3. A.J. Horton (Yam).

S/STK (0-6): 1. Jake Lacey (Act).

S/STK (7-9): 1. Shawn Butler (Cob); 2. Prestin Lundin (KTM); 3. Tayler Lacey (Act).

MOD (0-6): 1. Jacob Lee Buelna (Lem).

60 BEG: 1. Greg Owen (Kaw); 2. Timmy Ritzler (Kaw); 3. Shana Rhinehart (Kaw); 4. David Medina (Kaw); 5. Colton James (Kaw).

60 (0-8): 1. Douglas Carter (Kaw); 2. Trent Pugmire (Kaw); 3. Bryan Hatchitt (Kaw).

60 (9-11): 1. Robert Memoli (Kaw); 2. Brandon Spencer (Kaw); 3. Derreck Murphy (Kaw).

80 BEG: 1. Robert Memoli (Kaw); 2. Cory Baldwin (Yam); 3. Ryan Riess (Hon); 4. Adam Wilson (Hon); 5. Corey Murphy (Suz).

80 (7-11): 1. Edward Herring (Kaw); 2. Ryan Roybal (Hon); 3. Dave Carter (Kaw); 4. Matthew Gomez (Kaw); 5. Michael Parker (Hon).

80 (12-13): 1. Chris Norr (Suz); 2. Anthony Barbacovi (Yam); 3. Brian Melsheimer (Yam); 4. Mike Epstein (Hon).

B/W: 1. Louie Santiago (Hon).

125 BEG: 1. Scott Howe (Suz); 2. Wesley Dell (Suz); 3. Jeremy Ray (Yam); 4. Ben Stuelke (Suz); 5. Scott Nobles (Suz).

125 NOV: 1. Donnie Durrer (Yam); 2. Daniel Bagwill (Suz); 3. Chris Elliott (Yam); 4. Eric Willis (Suz); 5. Colin Morrison (Yam).

125 INT: 1. Michael Young; 2. Ryan Orr (Yam); 3. Kevin Townsend (Hon); 4. Nick Mairose (KTM); 5. Matt Armstrong (Yam).

250 BEG: 1. Cecil Avery (Hon).

250 NOV: 1. Don Reynolds (Hon); 2. Chris Reed (Kaw).

250 INT: 1. Nick Mairose (KTM); 2. Kevin Townsend (Hon); 3. Robbie Dunham (Yam); 4. Mark Powers (Yam); 5. Derek Sorenson (Kaw).

250 PRO: 1. Ty Kady (Suz).

500 NOV: 1. Tyson Tittlemier (Hon); 2. Norm Schiel (Hon).

JR VET BEG: 1. Edmond Gregory (Kaw); 2. Shy Moshe (Suz); 3. Roee Yarkoni (Hon); 4. Jeremy Boyd (Yam).

JR VET NOV: 1. Cy Prado (Kaw); 2. Assaf Alush (Kaw); 3. Darren Sorenson (Yam); 4. Gabi Abayou (Hon).

JR VET INT: 1. Derek Sorenson (Kaw); 2. Randy Wilkins (Suz).

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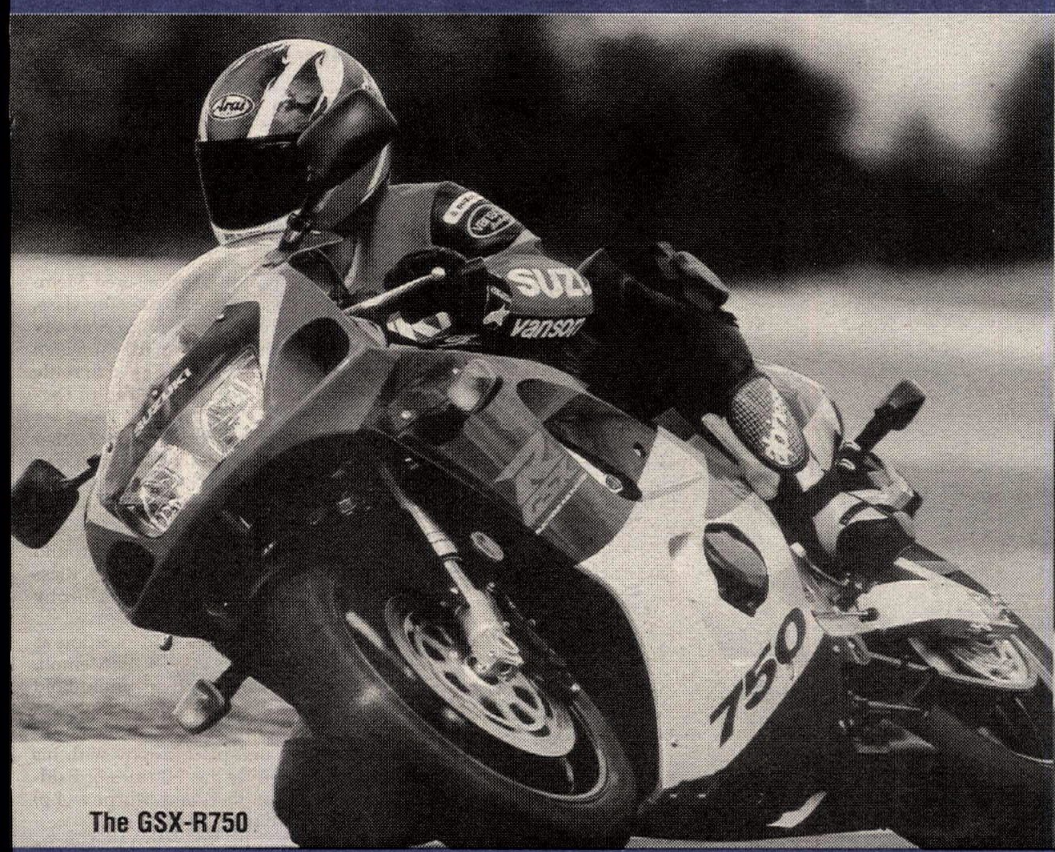

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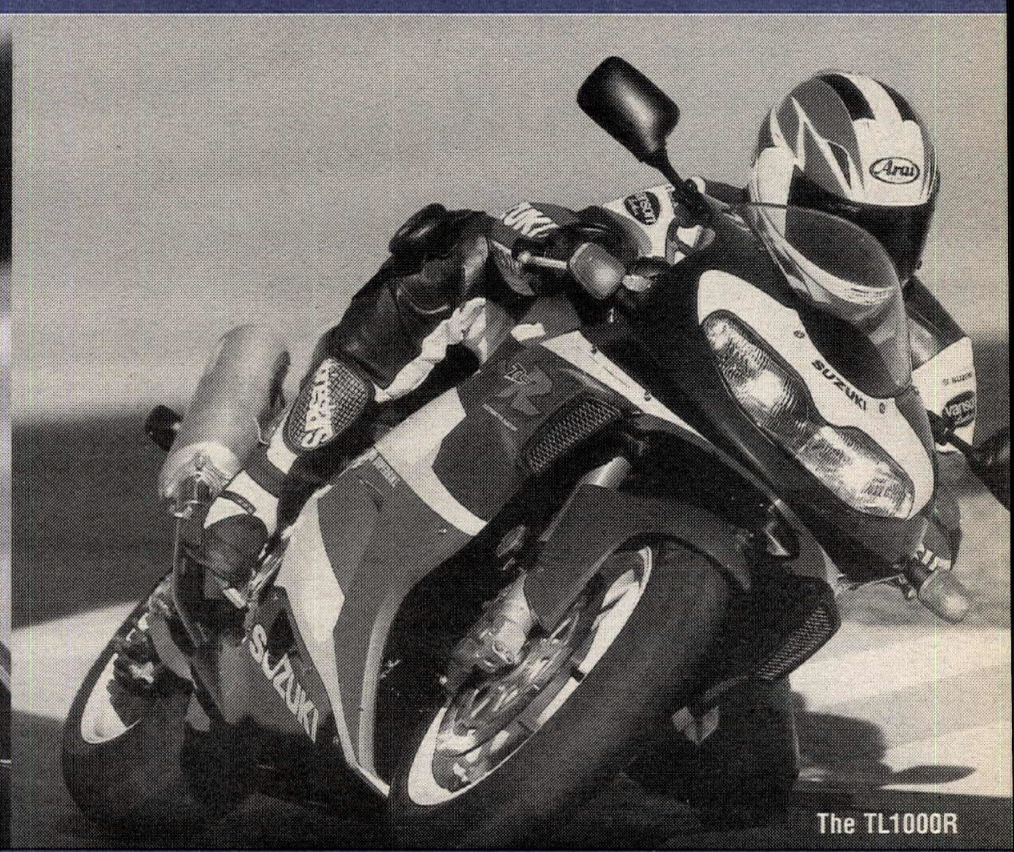

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(Left) Bob Sweeten (82) held off Warren Diem (4) for wins in both the Over 30 and 600cc A classes during the 20th annual Motorama Races and Speed Show in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.
(Below) Ryan Mazura's appearance is a perfect testament to the "moist" conditions at the Ocotillo MX. Mazura took second in the 250cc Intermediate class.

JR VET EX: 1. Jimmy Roberts (Hon).
VET BEG: 1. Sean Ireland (Hon); 2. Ray Ritzler (Kaw).
VET INT: 1. David Soma (Kaw); 2. C.T. Watanabe (Hon); 3. Randy Wilkins (Suz); 4. Vince Baioni (Hon).
VET EX-PRO: 1. Jimmy Roberts (Kaw); 2. Leo Saul (Yam).
SR BEG-NOV: 1. Bob Tocco (Yam); 2. Bob Dunham (Yam); 3. Michael Burnett (Suz); 4. Bryan Farner (Kaw).
SR INT-EX: 1. Edwardo Trippo (Hon); 2. Norm Schiel (Hon); 3. Steve Clark (Suz).
O/T NOV: 1. Charles Watanabe (Hon); 2. Bob Klatt (Kaw); 3. Sam English (Yam); 4. Frank Derby (Hon); 5. Raleigh Webster.
O/T AM: 1. Richard Bealer (Yam); 2. Jeff Petron (KTM); 3. Hal Grady (Kaw).
O/T EX: 1. Bob Hurst (Yam); 2. Robert Fiesler (Kaw); 3. Jack Roten (Yam); 4. Bob Dunham (Yam); 5. Scott McDonall (Hon).
O/T MSTR A: 1. Edwardo Trippo (Hon); 2. Alan Kent (Yam); 3. Steve Clark (Yam).
O/T MSTR B: 1. Mike Chesbro (Hon); 2. W.G. Wilson (Suz); 3. Ernie Kopasz (Yam); 4. Fred Willis (Kaw); 5. Norm Schiel (Hon).

Women whale at Marion MX

By Rupert X. Pellett

MARION, OH, FEB. 21-22
While the Marion Indoor Motocross Series by American Motosports has attracted a large share of moto men, the women have begun to flock to the North-Central Ohio facility for some heated racing action as well.

Ironton, Ohio's Tiffany Reed proved to be the fastest of the bunch over the two-day event, as she flat pounced on the competition with her talented riding and well-prepped Hondas. During Saturday's main, Reed would send Millington, Michigan's Darlene Schmitzer into second place, while Cleveland's Jennifer Roberts took third. Another Schmitzer - Kawasaki-riding Chastain - would finish a strong fourth, ahead of another Michigan resident, Amanda Shands. On Sunday Reed would battle briefly with Amanda Mastin on her Suzuki before taking the checkers, while Darlene Schmitzer and her Suzuki took third, ahead of Roberts.

In Pro racing action, another Reed would stand dominant in his respective classes: Chuck Reed (no relation to Tiffany) absolutely swept both the 125 and 250cc divisions aboard his Suzukis. The "Farmboy" used his familiarity with the tight indoor circuit - and aggressive riding - to beat up on the competition in the Pro ranks.

Results

Saturday
P/W (4-8): 1. Jacob Kenyon (Yam); 2. Jordan Strickland (Yam); 3. Ryan Kerr (Yam); 4. Kris Nelson (Yam); 5. Colby McCutcheon (Yam).
50 (4-6): 1. Nathan Heskett (Cob); 2. Ryan Ivers (Cob); 3. Jordan Strickland (Cob); 4. Ryan Kerr (Cob); 5. Westen Hale (Cob).
50 (7-8): 1. Tyler S. Maxel (Lem); 2. Kyle McConnell (Cob); 3. Jacob Kenyon (Cob); 4. Kris Nelson (Cob); 5. Kyle Turner (Lem).
65: 1. Michael Willard (Kaw); 2. Zach Ames (Kaw); 3. Adam Lester (Kaw); 4. Kelin Ferguson (Kaw); 5. Kyle McConnell (Kaw).
125 PRO: 1. Chuck Reed (Suz); 2. Paul Karle (Suz); 3. Mike Morgan (Yam); 4. Dickie Hoy (Yam); 5. Shaun Kuchler (Hon).
125 B: 1. Ian Hammond (Suz); 2. Matt Ketcheson (Hon); 3. Branden Perry (Suz); 4. Ryan Lutz (Hon); 5. Tony Robinson (Kaw).
250 PRO: 1. Chuck Reed (Suz); 2. Mike Morgan (Kaw); 3. Mike Hogan (Hon); 4. Joey Ballinger (Hon); 5. Brad Dixon (Kaw).
250 B: 1. Michael Mercer (Suz); 2. Trent L. Johnson (Hon); 3. Dan Jones (Kaw); 4. Matt Mathias (Suz); 5. Marcus Biggs (Suz).
SCHBY (12-15): 1. Ian Hammond (Suz); 2. Josh Hamilton (Kaw); 3. Branden Perry (Suz); 4. Chris Whitcraft (Suz); 5. Shaun Kuchler (Hon).
16-24: 1. Ryan Lutz (Hon); 2. Matt Ketcheson (Hon); 3. Tony Robinson (Kaw); 4. Michael Mercer (Suz); 5. Justin Terrell (Kaw).
OPEN B: 1. Shaun Swisher (Hon); 2. Steve Anneshansley (Hon); 3. Dwight Voltz (Kaw); 4. Mark McDaniel (Yam); 5. Dale Ringwald (KTM).
WMN: 1. Tiffany Reed (Hon); 2. Darlene Schmitzer (Suz); 3. Jennifer Roberts (Yam); 4. Chastain Schmitzer (Kaw); 5. Amanda Shands (Kaw).

Sunday
P/W (4-8): 1. Jacob Kenyon (Yam); 2. Jordan Strickland (Yam); 3. Colby McCutcheon (Yam); 4. Ryan Kerr (Yam); 5. Westen Hale (Yam).
50 (4-6): 1. Ryan Ivers (Cob); 2. Kyle Ferguson (Cob); 3. Nathan Heskett (Cob); 4. Ryan Kerr (Cob); 5. Jordan Strickland (Cob).
50 (7-8): 1. Tyler S. Maxel (Lem); 2. Kyle McConnell (Cob); 3. Wesley Jett (Cob); 4. Jacob Kenyon (Cob); 5. Kris Nelson (Cob).
65: 1. Michael Willard (Kaw); 2. Zach Ames (Kaw); 3. Tyler Bowers (Kaw); 4. Kelin Ferguson (Kaw); 5. Patrick Massie (Kaw).
80 (7-11): 1. Dillion Watkins (Suz); 2. Michael Willard (Suz); 3. Tim Hollenbeck (Hon); 4. Jared Grabiel (Suz); 5. Zach Ames (Kaw).
80 (12-15): 1. Chris Whitcraft (Suz); 2. Thomas Oshialowski (Kaw); 3. David Whitcraft (Suz); 4. Nick Mowry (Hon); 5. K. Andy Willard (Suz).
80 EXTRA: 1. Gavin Gracyk (Kaw); 2. David Whitcraft (Suz); 3. Thomas Oshialowski (Kaw); 4. K. Andy Willard (Suz); 5. Jared Grabiel (Suz).
125 PRO: 1. Chuck Reed (Suz); 2. Mike Morgan (Yam); 3. Paul Karle (Suz); 4. Craig Billingsley (Yam); 5. Joey Ballinger (Hon).
125 B: 1. Harold Goings Jr. (Kaw); 2. Marcus Biggs (Yam); 3. Matt Ketcheson (Suz); 4. Gerald Bennett Jr. (Suz); 5. Chris Poland (Hon).
125 C1: 1. Michael Arnold (Kaw); 2. Travis McQueen (Suz); 3. Trevor Gundlach (Yam); 4. Nathan Scheid (Suz); 5. Jeff Woolum (Kaw).
125 C2: 1. Nathan McClain (Yam); 2. Richard Black (Kaw); 3. Chris Taylor (Yam); 4. Anthony Wall (Hon); 5. Travis Ousley (Hon).
SCHBY 125: 1. Ian Hammond (Suz); 2. Branden Perry (Suz); 3. Shaun Kuchler (Hon); 4. Scott Kuchler (Hon); 5. Chris Whitcraft (Suz).
250 PRO: 1. Chuck Reed (Suz); 2. Mike Morgan (Kaw); 3. Todd Mouser (Suz); 4. Donald Edwards (Hon); 5. Mike Hogan (Hon).
250 B: 1. Michael Mercer (Suz); 2. Marcus Biggs (Suz); 3. Matt Mathias (Suz); 4. Trent Johnson (Hon); 5. Dan Jones (Kaw).
250 C: 1. Brian Aldridge (Kaw); 2. Robert Drake (Hon); 3. Brett McKeever (Hon); 4. Nathan Scheid (Kaw); 5. Jeremiah Kail (Kaw).
16-24: 1. Matt Ketcheson (Suz); 2. Brad Dixon (Kaw); 3. Michael Mercer (Suz); 4. Matthew Szorobura (Yam); 5. Tony Robinson (Kaw).
25+: 1. Mike Morgan (Kaw); 2. Mike Hogan (Hon); 3. Dallas Avery (Suz); 4. Chuck Nicholson (Suz); 5. Ken Thomas (Hon).
30+: 1. Chuck Nicholson (Suz); 2. Jeff Coles (Suz); 3. Ken Thomas (Hon); 4. Richard Custard (Hon); 5. Steven Anneshansley (Hon).
40+: 1. Gerhard Lier Jr. (Kaw); 2. Jim Dickerson (Yam).
OPEN B: 1. Shaun Swisher (Hon); 2. Dwight Voltz (Kaw); 3. Steven Anneshansley (Hon); 4. Mark McDaniel (Yam); 5. Dale Ringwald (KTM).
WMN: 1. Tiffany Reed (Hon); 2. Amanda Mastin (Suz); 3. Darlene Schmitzer (Suz); 4. Jennifer Roberts (Yam); 5. Monique Schmucker (Yam).

Mud mauls all at Ocotillo MX

By Johnny Whiteboots
Photos by Thought Patterns Photography

ELOY, AZ, FEB. 15
Arizona motocrossers squared off against Mother Nature and each other to open the AMX North/South Shootout Series at rain-soaked Ocotillo Raceway. Mother Nature won her share of the fight.

Go Huge Racing Promotions spent all week prepping the track after a sizable deluge the weekend before, but they were disappointed to awake Sunday morning to another downpour. The rain stopped around 5:30 a.m., so it was off to the track to see what the day would bring. As the gates opened at 7 a.m., the sun broke through the clouds to welcome racers to a special "Eastern-style" race track, compliments of El Niño. A couple of racers recently transplanted to the Phoenix area (one from the Chicago area and another from upstate New York) said the promoters shouldn't have gone to all the trouble to make them feel right at home.

Moto-one action for the combined 250cc Pro/250cc Intermediate race was first out, with 250cc Intermediate Arlyn VanDeMark claiming the Thought Patterns Photography holeshot award ahead of Team Green's Scott Conley, Ryan Mazura and the rest of the pack. Conley, showing everyone how easy mud-riding can be, quickly moved around VanDeMark into the lead. At the end of lap one, it was Conley with a 10-second lead, VanDeMark second, Mazura third and Karl Adams fourth. Then, on lap two, VanDeMark's bike stopped suddenly (an apparent lower-end seizure), allowing Mazura to lead the 250cc Intermediate class, ahead of Adams and Taylor Glantz. Adams, eating severe roost from Mazura's Kawasaki, was able to apply enough pressure on Mazura to force a bobble and move by to lead lap three. Out front, Conley was flying, already starting to lap riders, passing Ray Penski and Glantz, both of whom had fallen at least once in the quagmire. At the finish it was Conley, followed by Adams and Mazura on the lead lap, with the rest of the field coming through.

The second round of motos saw most classes thinned out by the "Great Equalizer," as riders learned more about mud prep than they really wanted to know. Moto two for the 250cc Pro/250cc Intermediate started the show, with Conley getting the holeshot over Adams and Penski. Penski was all over Adams, and on lap two, Adams drove too deep into the corner before the whoop section, giving Penski the invitation to pass. It proved to be a huge mistake; the inside line was foot-deep liquid, sending a wall of water eight feet high and right onto an unsuspecting Adams, who managed to stay up even though he could not see again until he exited the whoops.

At the finish line, it was Conley with the easy win over Penski, showing new speed over the first moto after having found his "mud legs." Adams was third.

Results

60 BEG: 1. Matthew Ambero (Kaw); 2. Ryan Clark (Kaw); 3. Joe Hefley (Kaw); 4. Craig Moore (Kaw).
60 (0-8): 1. Rhett Urseth (Kaw).
60 (9-11): 1. Nick Riley (Kaw); 2. Tyler Johnson (Kaw); 3. Brandon Carlson (Kaw).
60 OPEN: 1. Nick Riley (Kaw); 2. Tyler Johnson (Kaw); 3. Brandon Carlson (Kaw); 4. Rhett Urseth (Kaw).
80 BEG: 1. Robby Bolan (Hon); 2. David Penski (Hon); 3. Rick Campbell (Hon); 4. Robert Miller (Yam); 5. Jake Alexander (Kaw).
80 (12-13): 1. Nathan Rivera (Yam); 2. Sean Shelton (Kaw).
80 (14-16): 1. Matt Madden (Yam); 2. A.J. Cornelius (Suz).
80 OPEN: 1. Nathan Rivera (Yam); 2. A.J. Cornelius (Suz); 3. Matt Madden (Kaw).
125 BEG: 1. Troy Lang (Hon); 2. David Caesar (Hon); 3. Nate Ramsden (Suz); 4. Mike Mazura (Yam); 5. Steve Hendrix (Hon).
125 NOV: 1. Nick Fouts (Hon); 2. Scott Schwanbeck (Yam); 3. Jeff Palezzetti (Yam); 4. Kent Durkee (Yam); 5. Jason Burt (Yam).
125 INT: 1. John Mazur (Suz).
250 BEG: 1. Michael Gentry (Suz); 2. Gregg Hanson (Kaw); 3. Anthony Maestas (Kaw); 4. Tony Nichols (Hon); 5. Sam Hernandez (Kaw).
250 NOV: 1. Danny Shealy (Kaw); 2. Tom Franz (Hon); 3. Aaron Herman (Kaw); 4. Ed Hairston (Hon); 5. Steve McFerrin (Kaw).
250 INT: 1. Karl Adams (Hon); 2. Ryan Mazura (Kaw); 3. Taylor Glantz (Yam); 4. Arlyn VanDeMark (Kaw).
VET BEG: 1. Alexander Malatish (Yam); 2. Randy Clark (Yam).
VET NOV: 1. Jim Tholen (Hon); 2. Allen Simis (Suz); 3. Doug Butcher (Yam); 4. Todd McCallum (Hon); 5. T. Carlson (Hon).
VET INT: 1. Todd McRee (Kaw).
VET MSTR: 1. Tom Franz (Hon).
25+VET NOV: 1. Larry Ayers (Yam); 2. Frank Victorine (Yam); 3. Kenny Porter (Hon); 4. Phil Klinger (Yam); 5. Mike Heemsbergen (Hon).
250 PRO: 1. Scott Conley (Kaw); 2. Ray Penski (Hon).
B/BK OPEN: 1. Jason Matthews (Kaw); 2. Nick Fouts (Hon); 3. Kenny Porter (Hon); 4. Aaron Wilson (Suz); 5. Aaron Herman (Kaw).

Sweeten still tops at Motorama Short Track

By Len and Ben Breech

HARRISBURG, PA, FEB. 20
Bob Sweeten again proved his mastery of the small dirt oval on the floor of the Pennsylvania State Fair Show Arena, as he topped the Over 30 and 600cc A classes at the short-track portion of Trail-Way Speedway-hosted, Eastern Harley-Davidson Dealers Association-sponsored 20th annual Motorama Races and Speed Show.

Preventing Sweeten from taking his second triple in three years was Don Mullen, who held off Sweeten's constant challenges to just win the 250cc A final. Keeping it in the family, Sweeten's nephew, Georgie Price, took the 250cc Pro-class win over Mike Varnes and was leading the 600cc Pro final until he had a slight problem getting under a downed rider who was being helped by a flagman, letting Robert Miller take the lead for the win.

B-class winners included Tom Hannum in the 600s, Matthew Shuart in the 250s and Jared Mees on a beautiful Honda that looked more like it belonged at the Speed Show. The little-guy classes were won by Nicholas Farley, who took the 55cc injected; Michael Wagner in the 55cc (4-6); Sean Hackley in the 55cc (7-8); and John Lewis, who topped the 65s. Shawn Baer took advantage of Mees' crash on the opening lap to easily take the 85cc final.

While Sweeten was winning both classes, his constant shadow both times was Warren Diem. In the Over 30 final, they were the first out of the second turn, with Robert Weiss and Ken Dahlin behind. Sweeten and Diem quickly pulled away, but Diem's Rotax was set up to run high - a definite disadvantage, as the upper lines were somewhat rutted for the early finals. While he kept close, he couldn't quite get by until they came off the final turn and Sweeten was slowed by some lapped riders. Diem almost made the pass on the outside at the flag, but Sweeten would not be denied.

The 600cc A feature was pretty much the same story, except Ace Phillips and Don Mullen had a battle for third that went to Mullen in the late laps. While the track was improved somewhat with a bit of grading and rolling, Sweeten still held off Diem's challenges for his second win.

Results

50 (4-6): 1. Michael Wagner (Act); 2. Evan Baer (Act); 3. Michael Meiterman (Cob); 4. Nick McPhee (Cob); 5. Thomas Mudgett Jr. (Lem).
50 (7-8): 1. Sean Hackley Jr. (Cob); 2. Justin Boston (Cob); 3. Kyle Werner (Cob); 4. Eddie Izykowicz (Act); 5. Brandon Robinson (Act).
50 OIL-INJ: 1. Nicholas Farley (Yam); 2. Evan Baer (Yam); 3. Cody Kombrowski (Yam); 4. Michael Meiterman (Yam); 5. Todd Crenshaw (Suz).
65: 1. John Lewis V (Kaw); 2. Frankie Locke (Kaw); 3. Dustin Charcella (Kaw); 4. Jeff Dickinson (Kaw); 5. Wayne Wagner (Kaw).
85: 1. Shawn Baer (Yam); 2. Robert Burakowski (Kaw); 3. John Lewis V (Yam); 4. Frankie Locke (Hon); 5. Chris Knuth (Yam).
125: 1. Jared Mees (Hon); 2. Chris Klinefelter (Hon); 3. Mike Brabson (Hon); 4. Mike Alexander (Yam); 5. Matthew Shuart (Hon).
250 A: 1. Donnie Mullen (Hon); 2. Bob Sweeten (Hon); 3. Tom Magee (Kaw); 4. Bruce Ingram (Yam); 5. Joe Zydinsky (Hon).
250 B: 1. Matthew Shuart (Hon); 2. David Smith (Kaw); 3. Tom Norton (Bul); 4. Brody Miller (Cag); 5. Bill MacQueen (C-A).
250 EX-PRO-AM: 1. Georgie Price (Hon); 2. Mike Varnes (Yam); 3. Roy Miller (Suz); 4. Kevin Varnes (Yam); 5. Tom McGrane Jr. (Mai).
600 A: 1. Bob Sweeten (Rtx); 2. Warren Diem (Rtx); 3. Don Mullen (Rtx); 4. Ace Phillips (Rtx); 5. Joe Zydinsky (Hon).
600 B: 1. Tom Hannum (H-D); 2. Bill Boram (Yam); 3. Bill Stillwell (Rtx); 4. Guy Dickinson (Rtx); 5. Earl Baxter (Yam).
600 EX-PRO-AM: 1. Robert Miller (Rtx); 2. Georgie Price (KTM); 3. Kevin Varnes (Rtx); 4. Roy Miller (Rtx); 5. Mike Varnes (Rtx).
30+: 1. Bob Sweeten (Rtx); 2. Warren Diem (Rtx); 3. Robert Weiss (Rtx); 4. Kenny Dahlin (Hon); 5. Joe Bromley (Suz).

Pearson again at Rhino Rally

By David S. Pace

ST. GEORGE, UT, FEB. 28
For the second year in a row, factory KTM 250 rider Russel Pearson smoked the competition at the 15th annual running of the Rhino Rally in Southern Utah, where more than 300 racers showed up to do battle against Nevada's resident desert ace and KTM's protege rider.

The Wizards MC laid out an 80-mile Hare and Hound course with advanced technical areas as well as the wide-open desert sections for which Utah is famous. At the start of the massive bomb run, Pearson rocketed his KTM to an early lead and slowly moved his way to a lonesome ride in the sandy washouts. Ed Sorenson finished second, a full seven minutes after Pearson completed the race. Mark Lundgren of Dirt Worx Racing rounded out the top three overall on his KX500. Kawasaki rider Corky Maughn DNFed after a disappointing dismount from his KX250. This was unusual because of the fact that Maughn consistently finishes in the top five.

Overall, the first round of 11 on the USRA desert schedule proved to be fast and fun, and it certainly gave Utah racers a year to look forward to. CN

Results

O/A: 1. Russel Pearson; 2. Ed Sorenson; 3. Mark Lundgren; 4. Brent Fox; 5. Jeff Lundgren.
125 A: 1. Jason Orndorff; 2. Mark Barlage; 3. Steve Lundgren.
250 A: 1. Russel Pearson; 2. Ed Sorenson; 3. Jason Fox.
OPEN A: 1. Mark Lundgren; 2. Brent Fox; 3. Jeff Lundgren.

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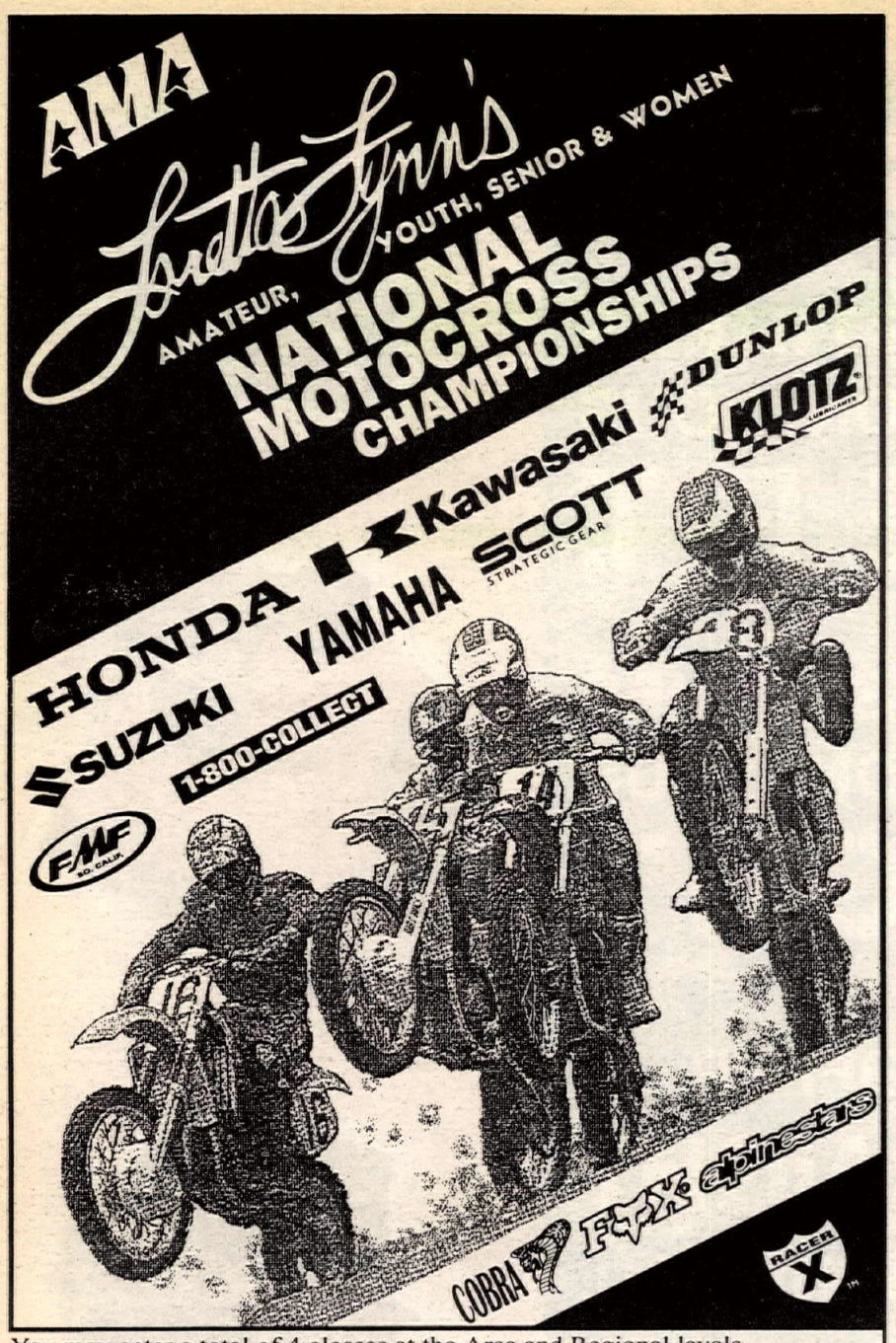

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**1. 125cc A
2. 125cc A/Pro Sport
**3. 125cc B Stock
4. 125cc B Modified
**5. 250/Open A
6. 250/Open A/Pro Sport
**7. 250/Open B Stock
8. 250/Open B Modified
9. Four Stroke (0-650cc)
10. Plus 25
11. Vet A Plus 30
12. Vet B Plus 30
13. Senior Plus 40
14. Masters Plus 50 (Only 20 to National)
**15. 125cc C Stock
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17. 250/Open C

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**20. 51cc 7-8 yr AMA Stock Class 2
**21. 65cc Stock 7-9 yr
**22. 65cc Stock 10-11 yr
**23. 85cc Stock 7-11 yr
**24. 85cc Stock 12-13 yr
25. 85cc Modified 9-13 yr
**26. 85cc Stock 14-15 yr
27. 85cc Modified 14-15 yr
28. 105cc Super Mini 12-15 yr
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	NORTHEAST	
Mar. 21-22	Doublin Gap, Carlisle,PA	717 249 6036
Mar. 28-29	Action Town, Dillwyn, VA	804 724 4392
Apr. 4-5	Budds Creek MX, Budds Creek, MD	301 475 2000
Apr. 11-12	Challenger, Indiana, PA	412 726 5494
Apr. 18-19	Broome Tioga, Binghamton, NY	717 222 9290
Apr. 25-26	Birch Creek, Danville, VA	804 724 4392
May 2-3	Frozen Ocean MX, Auburn, NY	315 784 5466
May 16-17	Pleasure Valley, Armaugh, PA	814 536 1845
	AMATEUR REGIONAL	
June 27-28	Waldon Playboys, Wallkill, NY	201 934 2907
	YOUTH REGIONAL	
June 13-14	Steel City, Delmont, PA	304 284 0084
	SOUTHEAST	
Mar. 14-15	Society Hills, Society Hill, SC	423 323 5497
Mar. 15	MX of Marion Cty, Reddick, FL	352 591 2050
Mar. 21	Pepsi/Air Dania, Dania, FL	CANCELLED
Mar. 28-29	Echeconne MX, Macon, GA	912 788 8227
Apr. 4-5	Devils Ridge, Sanford, NC	919 776 1767
Apr. 11-12	Cathie's Creek, Forest City, NC	704 287 4100
Apr. 18-19	Killpatrick MX, Albertville, AL	205 561 3495
Apr. 25	Thundercross, Okeechobee, FL**NEW**	941 357 2277
May 16-17	Lazy River, Chatsworth, GA	706 278 1620
	AMATEUR REGIONAL	
June 13-14	Muddy Creek, Blountville, TN	423 323 5497
	YOUTH REGIONAL	
June 20-21	Hillbilly Hills, Roberta, GA	912 788 0413
	MIDEAST	
Mar. 21-22	Bluegrass MX Park,Clay City, KY	606 744 5916
Apr. 18-19	Sunday Creek, Millfield, OH	614 797 2413
Apr. 25-26	Daniel Boone MX, London, KY	606 877 1364
May 2-3	American Mtrspts, MacArthur, OH	614 596 2057
May 2-3	Dutch Sport Pk, Bloomingdale, MI	616 683 4418
May 9-10	Baja Acres, Millington, MI	517 871 3356
May 9-10	Trojan Track, N. Webster, IN	219 594 2649
May 16-17	COCR, Sugar Groove, OH	740 983 3937
	AMATEUR REGIONAL	
June 20-21	Red Bud MX, Buchanan, MI	616 695 6405
	YOUTH REGIONAL	
June 27-28	Midway MX, Mitchell, IN	812 849 0023
	NORTH CENTRAL	
Mar. 21-22	South Central MX, Salem, IL	618 548 5259
Apr. 11-12	Midwest Mtrsprts, Kahoka, MO	816 727 3301
Apr. 18-19	W. KY Motocross, Lowes, KY	502 642 2345
Apr. 25-26	Lincoln Trail, Casey, IL	217 932 2041
May 2-3	Lake Geneva Rcwy, Lk Geneva, WI	815 728 0823
May 16-17	Triple R, Nashville, IL	618 327 9879
May 31	Cooperland, Stillwater, OK	405 743 1515
	AMATEUR REGIONAL	
June 27-28	Bailey's Motosprt, Hoopeston, IL	217 283 6370
	YOUTH REGIONAL	
June 20-21	South Central MX, Salem, IL	618 548 5259
	SOUTH CENTRAL	
Mar. 29	Swan MX, Tyler, TX	903 882 4215
Apr. 4	Lake Whitney MX, Whitney, TX	254 694 4271
Apr. 19	Cedar Hill MX, Magnolia, AR	870 234 1303
Apr. 25-26	NMCC, Moriarty, NM	505 884 9033
May 10	Greenville MX Pk, Greenville, TX	903 450 0017
May 23-24	Watkins Sports Riders, Denver,CO	719 473 6723
May 31	Cooperland, Stillwater, OK	405 743 1515
	AMATEUR REGIONAL	
June 20-21	Cooperland, Stillwater, OK	405 743 1515
	YOUTH REGIONAL	
June 27-28	Highlands MX Pk, Highland, TX	281 843 6686
	NORTHWEST	
Apr 19	Washougal MX, Washougal, WA	541 673 1671
Apr 26	Clarksbranch, Roseburg, OR	541 673 1671
	AMATEUR & YOUTH REGIONALS	
MAY 23-24	Washougal MX, Washpougal, WA	541 673 1671
	SOUTHWEST	
Mar. 29	Glen Helen, San Bernadino, CA	909 880 3090
Apr. 25-26	NMCC, Moriarty, NM	505 884 9033
May 23-24	Watkins Sports Riders, Denver, CO	719 473 6723
	AMATEUR & YOUTH REGIONALS	
June 13-14	NMCC, Moriarty, NM	505 884 9033

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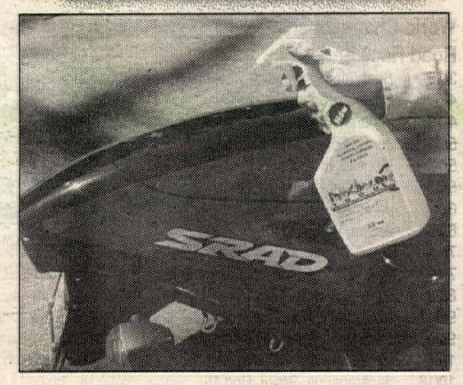

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You know as well as we do that there are obvious advantages to keeping your motorcycle as clean as possible at all times. Never mind the fact that a dirty bike might be a turnoff with the chicks, if your scoot is constantly covered with mung and ooze, it makes maintenance a nightmare. For example, you can't really tell if that axle-adjuster pinch nut is loose when it's buried under an inch of dirt, and God forbid that you would actually try and adjust the thing in that condition!

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World Championship Road Race Series

3/29 Shah Alam, Malaysia, Rnd 1
4/5 Suzuka, Japan, Rnd 2
4/19 Jehor, Malaysia, Rnd 3
5/3 Jerez, Spain, Rnd 4
5/17 Mugello, Italy, Rnd 5
5/31 Le Castellet, France, Rnd 6
6/14 Jarama, Spain, Rnd 7
6/27 Assen, Holland, Rnd 8
7/5 Donington Park, England, Rnd 9
7/19 Sachsenring, Germany, Rnd 10
8/23 Brno, Czech Republic, Rnd 11
9/6 Imola, Italy, Rnd 12
9/20 Barcelona, Spain, Rnd 13
10/4 Phillip Island, Australia, Rnd 14
10/18 Jacarepagua, Brazil, Rnd 15
10/25 Buenos Aires, Argentina, Rnd 16

World Superbike Championship Series

3/22 Phillip Island, Australia, Rnd 1
4/13 Donington Park, GB, Rnd 2
5/10 Monza, Italy, Rnd 3
5/24 Albacete, Spain, Rnd 4
6/7 Nurburgring, Germany, Rnd 5
6/21 Misano, San Marino, Rnd 6
7/5 TBA, Rnd 7
7/12 Monterey, California, Rnd 8
8/2 Brands Hatch, England, Rnd 9
8/30 A-1 Ring, Austria, Rnd 10
9/6 Assen, Holland, Rnd 11
9/27 (or Oct 18), Sentul, Indonesia, Rnd 12
10/4 Sugo, Japan, Rnd 13
10/11 Shah Alam, Malaysia, Rnd 14

World Endurance Championship

4/19 Le Mans, France, Rnd 1
6/28 TBA, England, Rnd 2
7/12 Spa, Belgium, Rnd 3
7/26 Suzuka, Japan, Rnd 4
9/13 Le Castellet, France, Rnd 5

World Trial Championship

3/28-29 Silleda, Spain, Rnds 1, 2
4/18-19 Hawkstone Park, England, Rnds 3, 4
4/25-26 San Marino, Rnds 5, 6
5/23-24 Nepomuk, Czech Republic, Rnds 7, 8
5/30-31 Kiefersfelden, Germany, Rnds 9, 10
6/20-21 Chaumont, Belgium, Rnds 11, 12
6/27-28 Virieu-le-Grand, France, Rnds 13, 14
7/4-5 Sant Julia, Andorra, Rnds 15, 16
8/8-9 Helsinki, Finland, Rnds 17, 18
8/15-16 Hvervenbukta-Oslo, Norway, Rnds 19, 20

Trials des Nations

9/20 Valmalenco, Italy

World 125cc Motocross Championship

3/22 Jogyakarta, Indonesia, Rnd 1
4/5 Saquarema, Brazil, Rnd 2
4/19 Bellpuig, Spain, Rnd 3
5/17 Orehova Vas, Slovakia, Rnd 4
5/24 Donington Park, England, Rnd 5
6/7 Nismes, Belgium, Rnd 6
6/14 San Marino, Rnd 7
6/28 Montevarchi, Italy, Rnd 8
7/12 Launsdorf, Austria, Rnd 9
7/19 Oss, Holland, Rnd 10
8/9 Chateau-du-Loir, France, Rnd 11
8/23 Bielstein, Germany, Rnd 12

World 250cc Motocross Championship

3/29 Talavera, Spain, Rnd 1
4/5 Agueda, Portugal, Rnd 2
4/19 Valkenswaard, Holland, Rnd 3
4/26 Villars-Ecot, France, Rnd 4
5/10 Leuven, Europe, Rnd 5
5/24 Donington Park, England, Rnd 6
6/7 Asti, Italy, Rnd 7
6/14 Jinin, Czech Republic, Rnd 8
6/28 Bandung, Indonesia, Rnd 9
7/19 Maracay, Venezuela, Rnd 10
7/26 Belo Horizonte, Brazil, Rnd 11
8/9 Teutschenthal, Germany, Rnd 12
8/16 Mol, Belgium, Rnd 13
8/30 Gdynia, Poland, Rnd 14
9/6 Roggenburg, Switzerland, Rnd 15
9/13 Megalopolis, Greece, Rnd 16

World 500cc Motocross Championship

4/5 Mantova, Italy, Rnd 1
4/19 Payerne, Switzerland, Rnd 2
4/26 Schwanenstadt, Austria, Rnd 3
5/10 Vasteras, Sweden, Rnd 4
5/17 Vantaa, Finland, Rnd 5
6/7 Osuna, Spain, Rnd 6
6/21 Loket, Czech Republic, Rnd 7
6/28 Sverepeck, Slovakia, Rnd 8
7/19 Ernee, France, Rnd 9
8/2 Namur, Belgium, Rnd 10
8/9 Rhenen, Holland, Rnd 11
8/30 Wachtersbach, Germany, Rnd 12

Motocross des Nations

9/27 Foxhill, England

World Individual Speedway Championship

5/15 Prague, Czech Republic, Rnd 1
6/5 Pocking, Germany, Rnd 2
6/19 Vojens, Denmark, Rnd 3
8/7 Bradford, England, Rnd 4
8/28 Linkoping, Sweden, Rnd 5
9/18 Bydgoszcz, Poland, Rnd 6

AMA/MBNA Superbike Series

4/17-19 Monterey, CA, Rnd 3
4/24-26 Rosamond, CA, Rnd 4
5/1-3 Sonoma, CA, Rnd 5
5/29-31 Braselton, GA, Rnd 6
6/12-14 Elkhart Lake, WI, Rnd 7
6/19-21 Loudon, NH, Rnd 8
7/17-19 Lexington, OH, Rnd 9
7/31-8/2 Brainerd, MN, Rnd 10
8/7-9 Joliet, IL, Rnd 11
9/4-6 Fountain, CO, Rnd 12
10/2-4 Las Vegas, NV, Rnd 13
Info: 614/891-2425

AMA Supercross Series

3/21 Minneapolis, MN, Rnd 11
3/28 St. Louis, MO, Rnd 12
4/4 Pontiac, MI, Rnd 13
4/18 Charlotte, NC, Rnd 14
4/25 Dallas, TX, Rnd 15
5/2 Las Vegas, NV, Rnd 16

AMA National MX Series

5/10 San Bernardino, CA, Rnd 1
5/17 Sacramento, CA, Rnd 2
5/24 Mount Morris, PA, Rnd 3
6/14 Southwick, MA, Rnd 5
6/21 Budds Creek, MD, Rnd 4
7/5 Buchanan, MI, Rnd 6
7/19 New Berlin, NY, Rnd 7
7/26 Troy, OH, Rnd 8
8/2 Washougal, WA, Rnd 9
8/16 Millville, MN, Rnd 10
8/30 Binghamton, NY, Rnd 11
9/6 Delmont, PA, Rnd 12

AMA/PJ1 National Arenacross Series

3/20-22 Salt Lake City, UT, Rnd 14
Info: 817/246-7400

AMA National Hare Scrambles Series

4/5 Hurricane Mills, TN, Rnd 3
4/19 Good Springs, PA, Rnd 4
7/19 Tillamook, OR, Rnd 5
9/13 Millfield, OH, Rnd 6
9/20 Park Hills, MO, Rnd 7
10/4 Lynnville, IN, Rnd 8
10/18 Tulsa, OK, Rnd 9

AMA Grand National Cross Country Series

3/21-22 Cross Keys, SC
4/4-5 Hurricane Mills, TN
4/25-26 Clarksburg, WV
5/9-10 Elizabeth, WV
5/16-17 Brownsville, PA
6/6-7 Manahawkin, NJ
7/11-12 Boyers, PA
9/12-13 Millfield, OH
10/10-11 Lisbon, OH
10/24-25 Crawfordsville, IN
Info: 304/284-0084

AMA National Championship Hillclimb Series

5/17 Middlebury, IN, Rnd 1
6/7 Jefferson, PA, Rnd 2
6/14 Steel City, PA, Rnd 3
6/21 Avoca, NY, Rnd 4
7/18 Nashville, IN, Rnd 5
7/25 Haydenville, OH, Rnd 6
8/2 Norton Shores, MI, Rnd 7
8/16 Dansville, NY, Rnd 8
9/13 Steel City, PA, Rnd 9
9/20 Middlebury, IN, Rnd 10
9/27 Jefferson, PA, Rnd 11
10/11 Oregonia, OH, Rnd 12
Info: 614/891-2425

AMA Grand National Championship Series

5/16 Harrington, DE, Rnd 2
5/24 Springfield, IL, Rnd 3
5/30 LaSalle, IL, Rnd 4
6/20 Mineralwells, WV, Rnd 5
6/27 Lima, OH, Rnd 6
7/4 TBA, Rnd 7
7/11 Du Quoin, IL, Rnd 8
7/18 Oklahoma City, OK, Rnd 9
7/25 Rossburg, OH, Rnd 10
8/2 Peoria, IL, Rnd 11
8/5 Rapid City, SD, Rnd 12
8/8 Joliet, IL, Rnd 13
8/15 Indianapolis, IN, Rnd 14
8/22 Hagerstown, MD, Rnd 15
8/29 Sedalia, MO, Rnd 16
9/6 Springfield, IL, Rnd 17
9/12 Shakopee, MN, Rnd 18
9/26 Sacramento, CA, Rnd 19
10/3 Las Vegas, NV, Rnd 20
10/11 Del Mar, CA, Rnd 21
Info: 614/891-2425

AMA Acerbis National Enduro Series

3/29 Belleplain, NJ
5/3 Wellston, OH
5/17 New Waverly, TX
5/24 McArthur, OH
6/7 Bellingham, WA
6/28 Akeley, MN
7/12 West Greenwich, RI
8/9 Divide, CO
8/23 Indian River, MI
Info: 614/891-2425

AMA/NATC National Championship Trials Series

3/21 Sequatchie, TN, Rnd 3
3/22 Sequatchie, TN, Rnd 4
4/18 Temecula, CA, Rnd 5
4/25 Washougal, WA, Rnd 6
4/26 Washougal, WA, Rnd 7
8/1 Duluth, MN, Rnd 8
8/2 Duluth, MN, Rnd 9
8/8 Flagstaff, AZ, Rnd 10
8/11 Flagstaff, AZ, Rnd 11
Info: 402/435-4146

AMA Western National Four-Stroke MX Series

4/18-19 Phoenix, AZ
5/23-24 Redding, CA
5/30-31 Yakima, WA
6/6-7 Salt Lake City, UT
6/27-28 Denver, CO,
7/11-12 Boise, ID
8/8-9 Albany, OR
8/23-24 Ward Creek, WA
9/5-6 Whitney, TX
Info: 530/365-1979

AMA Sound of Thunder Amateur Challenge Series

4/4 Redding, CA
4/18 Phoenix, AZ
5/30 Yakima, WA
6/6 Salt Lake City, UT
6/27 Denver, CO
7/11 Boise, ID
8/8 Albany, OR
8/23 Ward Creek, WA
Info: 530/365-1979

AMA U.S. Eastern Motocross Spring Series

3/22 Danville, VA
3/29 Dillwyn, VA
4/12 Elizabeth City, NC
4/26 Danville, VA
5/3 East Bend, NC
5/17 Reidsville, NC
5/24 Elizabeth City, NC
5/31 Dillwyn, VA
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Ballzee Agressive Wear Grand Championship MX Series

6/7 Danville, VA
6/14 Dillwyn, VA
6/21 Sanford, NC
7/5 Axton, VA
7/12 East Bend, NC
7/19 Reidsville, NC
7/26 Danville, VA
8/9 Elizabeth City, NC
8/23 Danville, VA
9/19 Danville, VA
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AMA U.S. Eastern Motocross Fall Series

8/30 Dillwyn, VA
9/6 Reidsville, NC
9/13 Elizabeth City, NC
9/19 Danville, VA
9/27 Sanford, VA
10/4 East Bend, NC
10/11 Danville, VA
10/18 Dillwyn, VA
10/25 Elizabeth City, NC
11/8 Axton, VA
Info: 804/724-4392

AMA Texas Championship Hare Scrambles Series

3/29 Columbus, TX
4/26 Rockne, TX
6/7 Rockne, TX
6/21 Fort Hood, TX
7/26 Conroe, TX
8/30 TBA
10/11 Altair, TX
11/8 San Antonio, TX
12/6 Fort Hood, TX
Info: 409/732-9171

AMA United States Mega Series

3/21-22 Blountville, TN
4/5 Blountville, TN
4/26 Wytheville, VA
5/2-3 Blountville, TN
5/10 London, KY
6/6-7 Blountville, TN
7/4-5 Beckley, WV
7/10-11 Blountville, TN

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9/6 London, KY
9/26-27 Sevierville, TN
10/3-4 London, KY
10/16-18 Blountville, TN
Info: 423/323-5497

AMA Carolina Ultra Series
3/29 Chesterfield, SC
4/11-12 Forest City, NC
5/17 Forest City, NC
5/31 Iron Station, NC
6/27-28 Reidsville, NC
8/30 Iron Station, NC
9/20 Columbus, NC
10/11 Chesterfield, SC
10/31-11/1 Society Hill, SC
Info: 423/323-5497

AMA/District 10 Daniel Boone Sheltowee Series
3/28-29 London, KY
4/11 London, KY
4/19 Clay City, KY
4/25-26 London, KY
5/9-10 London, KY
5/23-24 London, KY
6/6-7 Muddycreek, TN
7/5 London, KY
7/18 London, KY
8/15 Leitchfield, KY
8/22 London, KY
9/5-6 London, KY
9/26-27 Dollywood, TN
10/3-4 London, KY
10/25 London, KY
Info: 606/877-1364

AMA Eastern Four Stroke Nat'l
9/19-20 Danville, VA
9/26-27 Buchanan, MI
10/3-4 London, KY
10/10-11 Casey, IL
10/17-18 Blountville, TN
11/7-8 Society Hills, SC
Info: 606/877-1364

AMA District 25 Four Corners Motocross
3/29 Aztec, NM
4/19 Aztec, NM
5/15 Mesa Verde, CO
5/16 Mesa Verde, CO
6/21 Aztec, NM
7/12 Mesa Verde, CO
8/16 Mesa Verde, CO
9/5 Mesa Verde, CO
9/6 Mesa Verde, CO
9/27 Aztec, NM
10/11 Aztec, NM
Info: 970/533-9747 or 505/325-4195

AMA District 14 Vintage Motocross State Championship Series
5/3 Newaygo, MI
5/17 Buchanan, MI
6/6-7 North Branch, MI
6/20-21 Coldwater, MI
7/12 Stanton, MI
8/9 Millington, MI
8/16 Midland, MI
9/5-6 Coldwater, MI
9/19-20 Bloomingdale, MI
9/27 Millington, MI
10/4 Millington, MI
10/18 Buchanan, MI
Info: 248/305-8783

AMA Nat'l Hare and Hound Series
3/22 Murphy, ID
4/4 Jericho, UT
4/26 Lucerne, CA
9/12 Wells, NV
9/27 Yerington, NV
10/25 Lucerne Valley, CA
Info: 304/284-0084

AMA National Reliability Enduro Series
Western Region
5/30 Idaho City, ID
5/31 Idaho City, ID
6/6 Bellingham, WA
6/7 Bellingham, WA
Central Region
5/16 New Waverly, TX
5/17 New Waverly, TX
6/20 Hurricane Mills, TN
6/21 Hurricane Mills, TN
Eastern Region
5/23 McArthur, OH
5/24 McArthur, OH
6/20 Hurricane Mills, TN
6/21 Hurricane Mills, TN
Championship Finale
6/20-21 Hurricane Mills, TN
Info: 304/284-0084

AMA/District 36 Vintage Dirt Track Championship Series
4/4 Lodi, CA, Rnds 1, 2
4/5 Lodi, CA, Rnds 3, 4
4/11 Lodi, CA, Rnds 5, 6
4/18 Lodi, CA, Rnds 7, 8
4/25 Lodi, CA, Rnd 9
5/2 Lodi, CA, Rnds 10, 11
5/9 Newman, CA, Rnd 12
5/16 Newman, CA, Rnd 13
5/30 Lodi, CA, Rnds 14, 15
6/6 Lodi, CA, Rnds 16, 17
6/13 Lodi, CA, Rnds 18, 19
6/20 Newman, CA, Rnd 20
6/27 Newman, CA, Rnd 21
7/11 Lodi, CA, Rnds 22, 23
7/18 Newman, CA, Rnd 24
7/25 Newman, CA, Rnd 25
8/8 Lodi, CA, Rnds 26, 27
8/15 Lodi, CA, Rnds 28, 29
8/22 Lodi, CA, Rnds 30, 31
9/19 Lodi, CA, Rnds 32, 33
10/3 Lodi, CA, Rnds 34, 35
10/10 Lodi, CA, Rnds 36, 37
10/17 Lodi, CA, Rnds 38, 39
10/24 Lodi, CA, Rnd 40
Info: 209/369-1667 or 209/368-7809

AMA/District 36 Amateur/Youth Dirt Track C'ship Series
4/4 Lodi, CA, Rnds 1, 2
4/5 Lodi, CA, Rnds 3, 4
4/11 Lodi, CA, Rnds 5, 6
4/18 Lodi, CA, Rnds 7, 8
4/25 Lodi, CA, Rnd 9
5/2 Lodi, CA, Rnds 10, 11
5/9 Newman, CA, Rnd 12
5/16 Newman, CA, Rnd 13
5/30 Lodi, CA, Rnds 14, 15
6/6 Lodi, CA, Rnds 16, 17
6/13 Lodi, CA, Rnds 18, 19
6/20 Newman, CA, Rnd 20
6/27 Newman, CA, Rnd 21
7/11 Lodi, CA, Rnds 22, 23
7/18 Newman, CA, Rnd 24
7/25 Newman, CA, Rnd 25
8/8 Lodi, CA, Rnds 26, 27
8/15 Lodi, CA, Rnds 28, 29
8/22 Lodi, CA, Rnds 30, 31
9/19 Lodi, CA, Rnds 32, 33
10/3 Lodi, CA, Rnds 34, 35
10/10 Lodi, CA, Rnds 36, 37
10/17 Lodi, CA, Rnds 38, 39
10/24 Lodi, CA, Rnd 40
Info: 209/368-7182 or 209/463-6224

AMA/District 36 Championship Enduro Series
4/5 Clear Creek, CA, Rnd 1
4/18 Navarro, CA, Rnd 2
4/25 Foresthill, CA, Rnd 3
5/3 Georgetown, CA, Rnd 4
5/17 Clear Creek, CA, Rnd 5
6/14 Long Barn, CA, Rnd 6
10/11 Redding, CA, Rnd 7
10/18 Stonyford, CA, Rnd 8
10/25 Elkins Flat, CA, Rnd 9
10/31 Upper Lake, CA, Rnd 10
11/8 Stonyford, CA, Rnd 11
11/15 Ballinger Canyon, Rnd 12
Info: 408/281-3805

AMA/District 36 Family Enduro Series
4/25 Foresthill, CA
5/16 Clear Creek, CA
5/31 Omo Ranch, CA
11/14 Foresthill, CA
11/22 Stonyford, CA
Info: 408/281-3805

AMA/District 37 Dual Sport Ride Series
3/29 Newhall, CA
4/25-26 Cantil, CA
5/17 Mojave, CA
7/18-19 Sequoia National Forest, CA
8/1-2 Mammoth Lakes, CA
8/8-9 Big Bear Lake, CA
8/29-30 Bass Lake, CA
9/27 Silverwood Lake, CA
10/3-4 Ridgecrest, CA
10/17-18 Mesquite, NV*
10/31-11/1 Ridgecrest, CA
11/15 Riverside, CA
11/27-28 LA-Barstow-Las Vegas*
12/27 Cantil, CA
* National Trail Ride Series Events
Info: 818/249-2141 (3,1)

Team Dual Dogs/KTM/Galpin Ford California Dual Sport Series
3/22 Temecula, CA
4/12 Santa Barbara, CA
5/2-3 Frazier Park, CA
6/6-7 Lake Isabella, CA
10/31-11/1 California Hot Springs, CA
11/22 Newhall, CA
1/2-3/99 Mojave, CA
Info: 818/701-1913

AMA/District 37 Big 6 GP Series
4/4-4/5 Twentynine Palms, CA
5/2-5/3 Palmdale, CA
10/3-10/4 San Bernardino, CA
10/31-11/1 Gorman, CA
Info: 619/251-3489 or 562/428-4971

AMA Mid-South Winter Hare Scrambles Series
3/22 Cadiz, KY
3/29 Dickson, TN
Info: 615/859-0873

AMA/Districts 37&38 Flat Track Series
4/19 Temecula, CA
6/13 Temecula, CA
7/18 Temecula, CA
8/15 Temecula, CA
9/19 Temecula, CA
10/10 Del Mar, CA
10/17 Temecula, CA
11/14 Temecula, CA
Info: 619/277-1591

AMA Hot Shoe Series
6/6 Dayton, OH
6/7 Peoria, IL
8/1 Peoria, IL
8/16 Spokane, WA
8/28 Greenville, OH
9/4 Castle Rock, WA
9/5 Castle Rock, WA
9/5 Springfield, IL
Info: 614/891-2425

AHRMA Progressive Susp'n Historic Cup Series
4/25-26 Sonoma, CA
5/2-3 Rosamond, CA
6/6-7 Elkhart Lake, WI
6/20-21 Grattan, MI
7/11-12 Lexington, OH
8/1-2 Faulkville, GA
8/22-23 Braselton, GA
9/19 Steamboat Springs, CO
10/3-4 Talladega, AL
Info: 715/842-9699

AHRMA SOS/BOT/ Sound of Thunder Series
4/25-26 Sonoma, CA
5/2-3 Rosamond, CA
6/6-7 Elkhart Lake, WI
6/20-21 Grattan, MI
7/11-12 Lexington, OH
8/1-2 Faulkville, GA
8/22-23 Braselton, GA
9/19-20 Steamboat Springs, CO
10/3-4 Talladega, AL
Info: 715/842-9699

AHRMA Speed & Sport Vintage Motocross Series
4/5 Perris, CA
4/26 Sonoma, CA
5/16 Casey, IL
6/6 Elkhart Lake, WI
6/20 Grattan, MI
7/11 Lexington, OH
8/15 Southwick, MA
8/29 Tyler, TX
9/18 Steamboat Springs, CO
9/26 Peoria, IL
10/18 Hollister, CA
11/8 Tulare, CA
Info: 715/842-9699

AHRMA Classic Bike Magazine Dirt Track Series
5/2 Rosamond, CA
5/2 Budds Creek, MD
5/16 Hanford, CA
5/24 Port Royal, PA
6/12 Cumberland, MD
7/9 Indianapolis, IN
7/10 Ashland, OH
7/25 Weedsport, NY
8/1 Savannah, GA
8/21 Lavonia, GA
8/29 Athens, OH
9/4 Castle Rock, WA
9/16 Hayden, CO
9/27 Sacramento, CA
9/27 Peoria, IL
10/10 Del Mar, CA
Info: 715/842-9699

AHRMA Speed & Sport Vintage Trials Series
4/25 Sonoma, CA
5/3 Rosamond, CA
5/10 Collins, MO
5/17 Casey, IL
6/7 Elkhart Lake, WI
6/21 Grattan, MI
7/12 Lexington, OH
8/16 Norden, CA
8/23 Braselton, GA
9/17 Steamboat Springs, CO
9/27 Peoria, IL
10/3 Millersville, AL
10/10 White City, IL
10/17 Hollister, CA
Info: 715/842-9699

AHRMA Dixie Cup Roadrace Series
8/1-2 Faulkville, GA
8/22-23 Braselton, GA
10/3-4 Tailadega, AL
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Sun.,	Mar 29	L.G.M.X. Spring Series Round 1	Perris
Sat.,	Apr 4	GFI Saturday Practice (8am - 1pm)	Perris

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6/6-7 Elkhart Lake, WI
6/20-21 Grattan, MI
7/11-12 Lexington, OH
Info: 715/842-9699

AHRMA Pacific Crown Roadrace Series
4/25-26 Sonoma, CA
5/2-3 Rosamond, CA
Info: 715/842-9699

AHRMA Midwest Regional MX Series
4/11 Bedford, KY
4/25-26 Wappela, IL
5/9 Collins, MO
7/25 Lamoni, IA
8/8 Logan, OH
8/22 Belding, MI
9/5 Linnville, OH
10/3 Denmark, WI
10/24 Casey, IL
Info: 920/684-4331

AHRMA Northeast Regional Hare Scrambles Series
6/28 Plymouth, PA
9/20 Plymouth, PA
Info: 717/675-1814

AHRMA Northeast Regional MX Series
5/17 Berwick, PA
5/24 Mexico, NY
6/6-7 Lempster, NH
7/11 Budds Creek, MD
8/15 Southwick, MA
8/23 TBA
9/6 Englishtown, NJ
9/26 Binghamton, NY
10/10 Clifford, PA
Info: 914/429-9465

AHRMA Northwest Regional MX Series
4/12 Marin County, CA
4/26 Sonoma, CA
5/17 Fernley, NV
6/14 Phillipsville, CA
6/28 Eugene, OR
7/19 Carson City, NV
8/15 Soda Springs, CA
10/18 Hollister, CA
11/8 Tulare, CA
Info: 408/663-4014

AHRMA Rocky Mountain Regional MX Series
3/29 Grand Junction, CO
5/3 Casper, WY
5/17 Berthoud, CO
6/14 Price, UT
7/26 Colorado Springs, CO
8/23 Johnstown, CO
9/20 Craig, CO
9/27 Berthoud, CO
Info: 970/879-6651

AHRMA South Atlantic MX Series
6/7 Sales Creek, TN
7/25 Bremen, GA
10/17 Palmetto, GA
Info: 770/986-3213

AHRMA Southeast Regional GP Series
4/12 Palmetto, GA
7/26 Bremen, GA
10/18 Palmetto, GA
Info: 770/986-3213

AHRMA Southeast Regional MX Series
4/26 Bremen, GA
5/3 Sales Creek, TN
7/25 Bremen, GA
8/9 Woodbine, GA
8/23 Reddick, FL
Info: 770/986-3213

AHRMA Southwest Regional MX Series
3/22 Gorman, CA
4/5 Perris, CA
4/19 Lemon Grove, CA
5/31 Carlsbad, CA
6/21 Lemon Grove, CA
8/1 Perris, CA
9/27 Carlsbad, CA
11/8 Tulare, CA
11/22 TBA
Info: 909/929-6772

AHRMA Western Regional Dirt Track Series
4/4 Tulare, CA
4/19 Temecula, CA
5/16 Hanford, CA
6/13 Chowchilla, CA
6/14 Lodi, CA
10/3 Tulare, CA
10/4 Lodi, CA
10/10 Del Mar, CA
10/24 Tulare, CA
Info: 818/992-5343

SERA Enduro Series
3/22 Fort Polk, LA
4/5 Forest Hills, LA
4/26 Clanton, AL
5/3 Wiggins, MS
5/17 Saucier, MS
5/31 Laurel, MS
6/14 Goodman, MS
8/9 Breezy Hill, LA
9/13 Rockford, AL
9/27 New Augusta, MS
10/11 Odenville, AL
11/1 Maplesville, AL
Info: 205/980-5191

SERA Hare Scrambles Series
6/28 Huntsville, AL
7/19 Rockford, AL
9/6 Fort Polk, LA
9/26 New Augusta, MS
12/6 Maplesville, AL
1/3 Saucier, MS
1/17 Maplesville, AL
2/7 Odenville, AL
Info: 504/665-0313

CCS/Championship Cup Road Racing Series
Florida Region
3/22 West Palm Beach, FL
4/26 West Palm Beach, FL
5/25 West Palm Beach, FL
6/28 West Palm Beach, FL
7/4-5 Homestead, FL
7/26 West Palm Beach, FL
8/23 West Palm Beach, FL
9/5-6 Bloomingdale, GA
9/27 West Palm Beach, FL
12/5-6 Homestead, FL

Southeast Region
4/11-12 Bloomingdale, GA
5/23-24 Bloomingdale, GA
6/20-21 Talladega, AL
7/11-12 Bloomingdale, GA
8/8-9 Talladega, AL
9/5-6 Bloomingdale, GA
9/19-20 Braselton, GA

Mid-Atlantic Region
4/11-12 Summit Point, WV
5/23-24 Bloomingdale, GA
5/30-31 Summit Point, WV
7/11-12 Summit Point, WV
8/29-30 Summit Point, WV
9/19-20 Braselton, GA

Northeast Region
4/18-19 Loudon, NH
5/2-3 Loudon, NH
6/13-14 Loudon, NH
7/18-19 Loudon, NH
8/8-9 Loudon, NH
9/12-13 Loudon, NH
10/3-4 Loudon, NH

Great Lakes Region
3/28-29 Topeka, KS
4/11-12 Beloit, IL
4/25-26 Mount Meridian, IN
5/8-10 Elkhart Lake, WI
5/23-24 Beloit, IL
6/6-7 Grattan, MI
6/27-28 Beloit, IL
7/11-12 Beloit, IL
8/1-2 Elkhart Lake, WI
8/8-9 Beloit, IL
8/22-23 Grattan, MI
8/29-30 Brainerd, MN
9/5-6 Beloit, IL

Midwest Region
3/28-29 Topeka, KS
4/11-12 Beloit, IL
4/25-26 Mount Meridian, IN
5/8-10 Elkhart Lake, WI
5/23-24 Beloit, IL
6/6-7 Grattan, MI
6/27-28 Beloit, IL
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8/8-9 Beloit, IL
8/29-30 Brainerd, MN
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Great Plains Region
3/28-29 Topeka, KS
4/11-12 Beloit, IL
4/25-26 Mount Meridian, IN
5/8-10 Elkhart Lake, WI
5/23-24 Beloit, IL
6/27-28 Beloit, IL
7/25-26 Topeka, KS
8/1-2 Elkhart Lake, WI
8/15-16 Topeka, KS
8/29-30 Brainerd, MN

Southwest Region
4/4-5 Buttonwillow, CA
5/2-3 Chandler, AZ
8/1-2 Buttonwillow, CA
8/29-30 Chandler, AZ
10/3-4 Chandler, AZ
11/28-29 Chandler, AZ
12/19-20 Chandler, AZ

California Region
4/4-5 Buttonwillow, CA
5/9-10 Buttonwillow, CA
8/1-2 Buttonwillow, CA
8/29-30 Chandler, AZ
10/3-4 Chandler, AZ
11/14-15 Buttonwillow, CA
12/5-6 Buttonwillow, CA

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10/21-21 Daytona Beach, FL
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North American Sport Bike
5/9-10 Elkhart Lake, WI
5/16-17 Watkins Glen, NY
7/4-5 Buttonwillow, CA
7/25-26 Topeka, KS
8/29-30 Braselton, GA
10/20-25 Daytona Beach, FL
TBA Homestead, FL
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WERA Vintage Series
3/22 Henderson, TX
4/18 Clermont, IN
4/19 College Station, TX*
4/25 Summit Point, WV
5/2 Talladega, AL
5/9 Grattan, MI
5/10 Henderson, TX
5/14-17 Braselton, GA*
5/23 Mount Meridian, IN*
5/30 Garrettsville, OH
6/20 Summit Point, WV*
6/25-28 Indianapolis, IN*
7/4 Braselton, GA
7/18 Millington, TN
7/19 College Station, TX
7/25 Garrettsville, OH
8/8 Faulkville, GA
8/9 Henderson, TX
8/15 South Haven, MI
8/22 Talladega, AL
8/30 Hallet, OK
9/5 Garrettsville, OH*
9/12 Grattan, MI*
9/12 Summit Point, WV
9/19 Faulkville, GA
9/20 College Station, TX
9/26 Mount Meridian, IN
10/14-18 Braselton, GA*
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ECEA C'ship Enduro Series
3/29 Belleplain, NJ
4/5 Warren Grove, NJ
5/3 New Lisbon, NJ
5/17 Indian Mills, NJ
5/24 New Philadelphia, PA
6/14 Stanhope, NJ
6/28 Webb Mills, NY
7/12 West Greenwich, RI
7/19 Blain, PA
7/26 Crossforks, PA
8/16 Speedsville, NY
8/30 Mauricetown, NJ
9/13 Shippensburg, PA
9/20 Brandonville, PA
9/27 New Lisbon, NJ
10/4 New Gretna, NJ
10/25 Delaware City, DE
11/1 Rawlings, MD
Info: 717/865-0601

ECEA Championship Hare Scrambles Series
4/19 Good Springs, PA
4/26 St. Georges, DE
5/10 Woodland Twp., NJ
5/31 Belleplain, NJ
6/6-7 Manahawkin, NJ
6/21 Brandonville, PA
8/23 Stanhope, NJ
10/11 Budds Creek, MD
10/18 Mauricetown, NJ
11/8 Warren Grove, NJ
Info: 717/865-0601

ECEA Dual Sport Series
6/21 Belleplain, NJ
10/11 Indian Mills, NJ
10/18 New Philadelphia, PA
11/15 Greenbank, NJ
Info: 717/865-0601

Great Lakes Road Racing Association Series
4/18-19 Grattan, MI
5/9-10 Indianapolis, IN
5/30-31 Grattan, MI
6/10-11 Elkhart Lake, WI
7/4-5 Grattan, MI
7/15-16 Lexington, OH
8/8-9 Indianapolis, IN
8/22-23 Grattan, MI
9/19-20 Grattan, MI
Info: 616/458-5888

NC Formula USA Road Racing Series
4/3-5 Sebring, FL
5/15-17 Fountain, CO
6/5-7 Mosport, Canada

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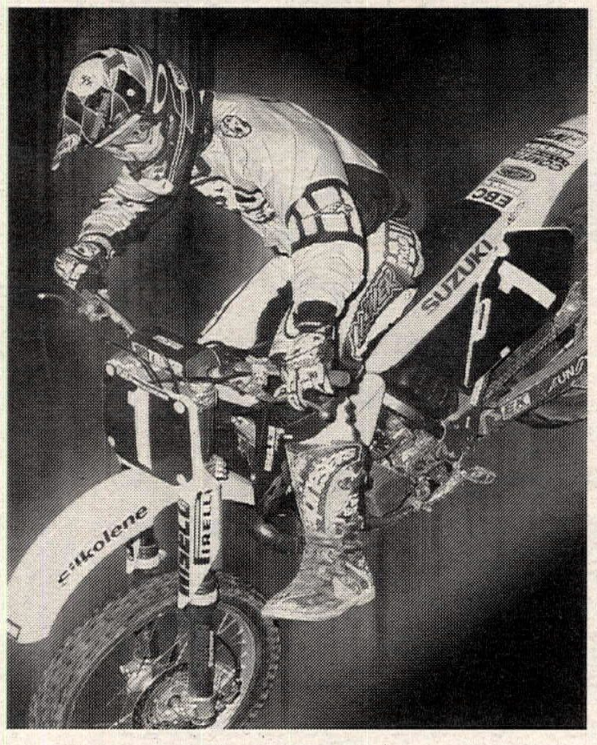

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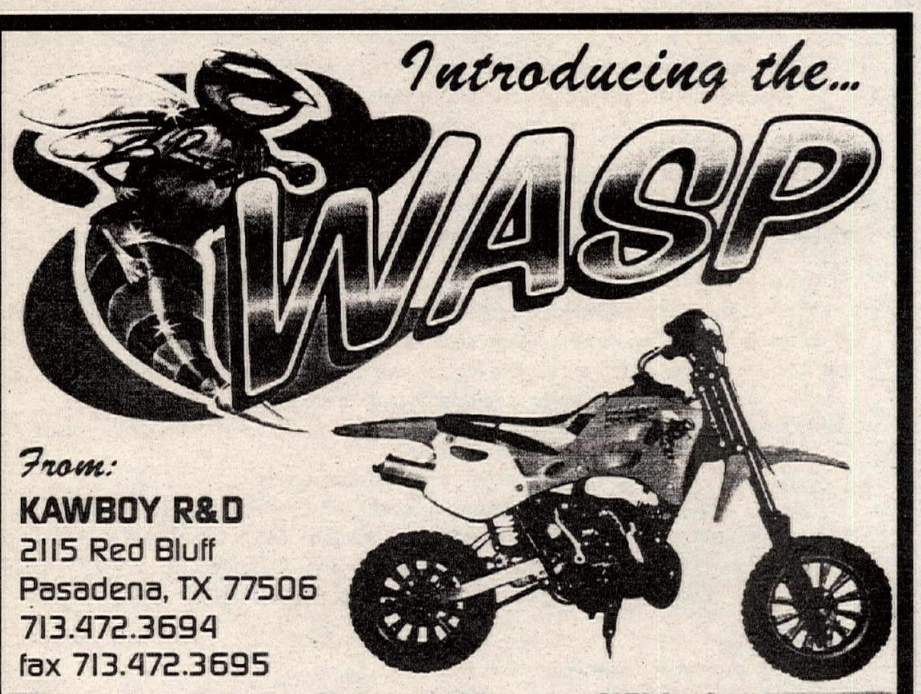

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7/17-19 Portland, OR
8/7-9 Loudon, NH
8/28-30 Pocono, PA
Info: 530/582-1061

USCRA Vintage Road Race Series
5/2-3 Loudon, NH
5/30-31 Shannonville, Ontario, Canada
6/14 Belknap, NH
6/15 Loudon, NH
6/20 Loudon, NH
7/24-26 Shubenacadie, Nova Scotia, Canada
8/14-16 Loudon, NH
8/21-23 Mosport, Ontario, Canada
9/28 Loudon, NH
Info: 607/277-2369 or 603/239-6778

Over The Hill Gang Nat'l Series
3/21-22 Oatfield, CA
5/23-24 Reno, NV
6/20-21 Mammoth Mountain, CA
9/12-13 Hollister Hills, CA
10/17-18 Hungry Valley, CA
Info: 562/864-6875 or 714/680-8643

Rocky Mountain MX Ass'n
Spring Series
3/29 Miliken, CO
4/5 Miliken, CO
4/26 Erie, CO
5/3 Brush, CO
5/10 Colorado Springs, CO
5/23-24 Watkins, CO
6/14 Craig, CO
Summer Series
6/21 TBA
7/12 Craig, CO
7/26 Brush, CO
8/16 Watkins, CO
8/23 Erie, CO
9/6 Colorado Springs, CO
9/13 TBA
9/27 Brush, CO
10/4 Watkins, CO
Info: 719/473-6723 or 303/271-0190

Sports Riders Association of Colorado Motocross Series
3/22 Pueblo, CO
3/29 Cheyenne, WY
4/5 Colorado Springs, CO
4/19 Pueblo, CO
5/3 Cheyenne, WY
5/31 Pueblo, CO
6/7 Cheyenne, CO
6/14 Colorado Springs, CO
6/21 Colorado Springs, CO
6/27-28 Watkins, CO
7/12 Berthoud, CO
7/26 Cheyenne, WY
8/2 Colorado Springs, CO
8/9 Berthoud, CO
8/22 TBA
9/13 Colorado Springs, CO
9/20 Pueblo, CO
9/27 Colorado Springs, CO
10/4 Berthoud, CO
10/11 TBA

Supercross Series
4/26 Denver, CO
5/9 Greeley, CO
5/16 Grand Junction, CO
7/18 Colorado Springs, CO
8/16 Grand Junction, CO
8/29 TBA
Info: 303/988-7722

Alabama State Championship Motocross Series
3/22 Chandler Mountain, AL
4/4 Ironman, AL
4/26 Chandler Mountain, AL
5/2 Ironman, AL
5/9 Kilpatrick, AL
5/17 Chandler Mountain, AL
5/23 Kilpatrick, AL
9/6 Chandler Mountain, AL
9/12 Kilpatrick, AL
9/19 Ironman, AL
10/4 Chandler Mountain, AL
10/10 Kilpatrick, AL
10/17 Ironman, AL
Info: 205/681-8317 or 205/663-0963 or 205/561-3495

Sunshine State MX Championship Series
3/22 Ona, FL, Rnd 4
4/5 Ocala, FL, Rnd 5
4/19 Reddick, FL, Rnd 6
4/26 Dade City, FL, Rnd 7
5/3 Ona, FL, Rnd 8
5/10 Reddick, FL, Rnd 9
5/24 Orlando, FL, Rnd 10
5/31 Ocala, FL, Rnd 11
6/7 Dade City, FL, Rnd 12
6/28 Ona, FL, Rnd 13
7/5 Orlando, FL, Rnd 14
7/12 Reddick, FL, Rnd 15
7/19 Dade City, FL, Rnd 16
7/26 Ona, FL, Rnd 17
8/16 Orlando, FL, Rnd 18
8/23 Reddick, FL, Rnd 19
8/30 Dade City, FL, Rnd 20
9/6 Ona, FL, Rnd 21
9/13 Orlando, FL, Rnd 22
Info: 352/242-2605

KTMXA Motocross Series
3/21 Murray, KY
4/11 Draffenville, KY
4/26 Milan, TN
5/3 Apex Valley, KY
5/16 Draffenville, KY
5/24 Milan, TN
5/30 Atwood, TN
6/12 Murray, KY
7/4 Atwood, TN
7/18 Draffenville, KY
8/9 Apex Valley, KY
8/22 Atwood, TN
8/29 Paris, TN
9/5 Clarksville, TN
9/19 Paris, TN
9/26 Paris, TN
10/3 Murray, KY
10/11 Milan, TN
Info: 901/642-0511

Tennessee State Arena X Championship Series
8/29 Paris, TN
9/12 Dyersburg, TN
9/19 Paris, TN
9/26 Paris, TN
10/10 Paris, TN
10/17 Jackson, TN
10/24 Paris, TN
Info: 901/642-0511

GNC Texas MX Series
4/5 Arlington, TX
4/12 Burleson, TX
5/3 Arlington, TX
5/10 Waller, TX
5/31 Bastrop, TX
6/7 Arlington, TX
Info: 214/351-9900

Motorcycle Asphalt Racing Series
5/15 Myrtle Beach, SC
9/25 Asheville, NC

Northeast Pro Flat Track Series
5/9 Trois Riveries, Canada
6/19 Rochester, NH
6/26 Lebanon Valley, NY
7/10 Agawam, MA
7/24 Middletown, NY
7/25 Weedsport, NY
7/31 Quebec City, Canada
8/21 Agawam, MA
8/23 Stafford Springs, CT
Info: 978/874-1732

New England Dirt Track Series
5/9 East Lempster, NH
5/30 East Lempster, NH
6/13 Canaan, NH
6/27 East Lempster, NH
7/18 East Lempster, NH
8/1 Canaan, NH
8/15 East Lempster, NH
8/29 Bangor, ME
8/30 Bangor, ME
9/26 East Lempster, NH
10/10 East Lempster, NH
Info: 978/874-1732

New England Trials Association
5/3 Meriden, CT
5/17 Exeter, RI
5/31 Chepachet, RI
6/14 Meriden, CT
6/28 Ossippee, NH
7/19 Meriden, CT
8/16 Cumberland, RI
9/13 Meriden, CT
9/27 Exeter, RI
10/18 Chepachet, RI
Info: 508/429-7675 or 401/334-4820 or www.tiac.net/users/danwilms

NETRA Championship Enduro Series
5/31 Freetown, PA
6/7 Wrentham, MA
6/14 Somers, CT
7/12 West Greenwich, RI
7/19 Oxford, MA
8/9 West Granville, MA
9/13 Lee, MA
10/4 Adams, MA
10/18 Chester, CT
11/1 West Stafford, CT
11/15 Central Village, CT
Info: 860/875-5757

NETRA Championship Hare Scrambles Series
4/26 Modena, NY
5/3 Uxbridge, MA
5/17 Fishouse, NY
6/21 Thomaston, CT
6/28 Union, CT
7/5 Chelsea, VT
7/12 Windsor, MA
7/26 East Hampton, CT
8/2 West Unity, NH
8/23 Union, CT
8/30 Alton, NH
9/6 Uxbridge, MA
9/13 Hoosick, NY
9/20 West Greenwich, RI
10/11 Assonet, MA
Info: 860/875-5757

NETRA Turkey Run Series
5/17 West Greenwich, RI
6/13-14 Loudon, NH
8/16 Porters Corner, NY
9/13 North Haverhill, NH
9/20 New Boston, MA
9/27 Wrentham, MA
10/11 Winchendon, MA
10/25 Central Village, CT
Info: 860/875-5757

NETRA Championship Junior Enduro Series
4/25 Brimfield, MA
5/16 Fishouse, NY
6/20 Thomaston, CT
6/27 Union, CT
7/4 Granville, MA
7/25 Southampton, MA
8/22 Union, CT
8/29 Alton, NH
9/26 Brimfield, MA
10/10 Assonet, MA
11/7 Winchendon, MA
Info: 860/875-5757

MRA Suzuki Tri-State Challenge
5/3 Milan, MI
7/10 Milan, MI
7/11 Delta, OH
7/12 Delta, OH
10/4 Delta, OH
10/11 Milan, MI
Info: 419/822-3006 or 734/241-1600

MRA Ironman GP Series
6/14 Delta, OH
6/28 Delta, OH
7/26 Delta, OH
8/9 Delta, OH
8/23 Delta, OH
9/20 Delta, OH
10/25 Delta, OH
11/1 Delta, OH
Info: 419/822-3006 or 734/241-1600

Southeastern Trials Riders Association C'ship Series
3/21-22 Sequatchie, TN
4/4-5 Monroe, GA
4/18 Cleveland, GA
5/2-3 Clinton, SC
5/23-24 Crossville, TN
6/6-7 TBA
6/20-21 Carrollton, KY
8/15-16 Shooting Creek, NC
9/5-6 Cookeville, TN
9/19-20 Gadsden, AL
10/3-4 Millerville, AL
10/24-25 Sequatchie, TN
11/14-15 Cumming, GA
Info: 423/942-8688

Trials Incorporated Championship Series
5/16-17 Twinsburg, OH
6/20-21 Carrollton, KY
7/11-12 AMA Vintage Days (exhibition)
7/26 Lancaster, OH
8/16 Dayton, OH
9/19-20 Columbus, IN
10/11 Dayton, OH
11/14 TBA
Info: 937/299-1501

Mid East Hare Scramble Series
4/19 Morganton, NC
5/3 Hickory, NC
5/31 Greer, SC
6/14 Belwood, NC
8/16 Greer, SC
9/6 Morganton, NC
9/20 Lancaster, SC
10/4 Hickory, NC
10/18 TBA
11/1 Grover, NC
Info: 704/937-9177 or 704/484-9000

NMA World Mini Grand Prix
4/15-19 Las Vegas, NV
Info: 562/868-8112 or 909/657-6782

NMA Grand Nat'l MX Championships
7/28-8/1 Ponca City, OK
Info: 562/868-8112 or 909/657-6782

Branson USA MX Championships
10/2-3-4 Branson, MO
Info: 909/657-6834

La Playa MX Grand Prix Series
5/17 Rosarito, Baja California

8/23 Rosarito, Baja California
10/4 Rosarito, Baja California
12/6 Rosarito, Baja California
Info: 011/52-661-22525

Thor/Parts Unlimited Northeast Classic MX Series
4/26 Englishtown, NJ
5/17 Broome-Tioga Sports Center, NY
5/31 Hurricane Hills Sports Center, PA
6/7 Unadilla Valley Sports Center, NY
7/26 Walden Playboys, NY
8/2 Powerline Park, NJ
Info: 717/222-9290

AMP Motocross Spring Series
4/5 Hollister, CA
4/19 Hollister, CA
4/26 Tracy , CA (Carnegie SVRA)
5/3 Turlock, CA (Oatfield)
5/24 Hollister, CA
Info: 209/656-9682

CMA Pacific Coast Pro Am MX Championship
3/21-22 Livermore, CA
3/28-29 Hollister, CA
4/4-5 TBA
Info: 209/673-8080

CMA Little Okie Spring Series
4/18 Madera, CA
4/25 Madera, CA
5/2 Madera, CA
5/8 Madera, CA
5/15 Madera, CA
5/22 Madera, CA
5/29 Madera, CA
Info: 209/673-8080

CMA Valley Children's Race
6/13 Madera, CA
6/20 Madera, CA
6/27 Madera, CA
Info: 209/673-8080

CMA Little Okie Summer Series
7/10 Madera, CA
7/17 Madera, CA
7/24 Madera, CA
7/31 Madera, CA
8/7 Madera, CA
8/14 Madera, CA
8/21 Madera, CA
Info: 209/673-8080

CMA Bounty Hunter Series
5/9 Los Banos, CA
5/16 Los Banos, CA
5/23 Los Banos, CA
5/30 Los Banos, CA
6/6 Los Banos, CA
7/4 Los Banos, CA
7/11 Los Banos, CA
7/18 Los Banos, CA
7/25 Los Banos, CA
8/1 Los Banos, CA
8/8 Los Banos, CA
8/15 Los Banos, CA
8/22 Los Banos, CA
8/29 Los Banos, CA
Info: 209/673-8080

American Trials Association
3/22 Lucerne, CA
4/18 Reed Valley, CA
4/19 Reed Valley, CA
5/17 Johnson Valley, CA
6/6-7 Big Bear, CA
Info: 714/562-7742

SETRA Hare Scrambles
3/22 Cross Anchor, SC, Rnd 13
3/29 Knoxville, TN, Rnd 14
Info: 706/327-4015

SETRA Championship Enduro Series
4/5 Morganton, NC, Rnd 14
4/19 Cochran, GA, Rnd 15
4/16 Clanton, AL, Rnd 16
5/3 Olustee, FL, Rnd 17
5/17 Tarrytown, FL, Rnd 18
6/7 Hurricane Mills, TN, Rnd 19
Info: 706/327-4015

Rocky Mountain Enduro Circuit
3/29 Turkey, TX
4/19 Post, TX
5/3 Crawford, NE
5/17 Montrose, CO
5/24 Limon, CO
6/7 Buena Vista, CO
6/21 Upton, WY
7/19 Rand, CO
8/9 Divide, CO
8/23 Taos, NM
9/13 Gunnison, CO
11/8 Matador, TX
Info: 307/742-4136

Black Jack Enduro Series
3/22 Cass, AR
4/12 Stillwater, OK
5/17 Flat River, MO
5/31 Collins, MO
9/13 Little Rock, AR
9/27 Tulsa, OK
10/11 Muenster, TX
10/25 Chadwick, MO
11/22 Oklahoma City, OK
Info: 417/581-5552 or 417/581-4046

Texas Enduro Series
3/29 Turkey, TX
4/19 Kalgary, TX
5/3 Nacogdoches, TX
5/16-17 New Waverly, TX
6/7 Blackwell, TX
8/9 Alexandria, LA
9/13 New Waverly, TX
9/27 Cloudcroft, NM
10/11 Muenster, TX
10/25 Memphis, TX
11/8 Matador, TX
11/22 Oklahoma City, OK
Info: 800/558-7232

Oklahoma X-Country Series
3/29 Lake Draper, OK
4/5 Erick, OK
4/19 Stillwater, OK
5/10 Stillwater, OK
5/24 Tulsa, OK
6/7 Rosedale, OK
6/21 Ellington, OK
8/23 Pooleville, OK
9/6 Stillwater, OK
9/27 Cogar, OK
10/4 Rose, OK
11/1 Braggs, OK
11/8 Hallett, OK
Info: 405/366-1051 or 405/390-5227

SRA West Series
4/4-5 Willow Springs, CA
4/17-19 Monterey, CA
5/2-3 Willow Springs, CA
5/16-17 Willow Springs, CA
6/12-14 Elkhart Lake, WI
7/18-19 Willow Springs, CA
8/15-16 Truckee, CA
9/18-20 Portland, OR
10/3-4 Willow Springs, CA
10/17-18 Willow Springs, CA
Info: 916/339-1778

FDTRA Championship Dirt Track Series
5/2 Orlando, FL
5/16 Orlando, FL
5/30 Orlando, FL
6/6 Orlando, FL
6/20 Orlando, FL
7/4 Orlando, FL
7/18 Orlando, FL
8/1 Orlando, FL
8/15 Orlando, FL
8/29 Orlando, FL
Info: 407/869-5388

FTR Championship Series Hare Scrambles
3/21-22 Polk City, FL
4/4-5 TBA
4/18-19 Vero Beach, FL
Info: 407/264-0559

FTR Championship Enduro Series
5/3 Olustee, FL
5/17 Richloam, FL
5/31 Daytona, FL
Info: 407/264-0559

FTR Motocross Series
4/26 Okeechobee, FL, Rnd 8
5/10 Bunnell, FL, Rnd 9
5/17 Hilliard, FL, Rnd 10
Info: 407/264-0559

Missouri Hare Scrambles Championship Series
4/19 Steeleville, MO
4/26 Bolivar, MO
5/3 Westphalia, MO
6/7 Collins, MO
6/14 Cole Camp, MO
6/28 Park Hills, MO
7/12 Knobnoster, MO
7/19 Tebbetts, MO
8/2 Alton, MO
8/23 Diamond, MO
9/13 Smithville, MO
9/20 Park Hills, MO
10/11 Drexel, MO
10/18 Festus, MO
Info: 417/537-8406

Total Performance Racing Dirt Track Series
3/21 Purcell, OK
3/29 Tulsa, OK
4/11 Glenpool, OK
4/26 Tulsa, OK
5/31 Tulsa, OK
7/19 Oklahoma City, OK
7/25 Norton, KS
7/26 Tulsa, OK
8/30 Tulsa, OK
9/27 Tulsa, OK
10/25 Tulsa, OK
11/21 Glenpool, OK
11/22 Glenpool, OK
Info: 918/836-6999

International Old-Timers Motocross Series
3/21-22 TBA
4/4-5 TBA
4/25-26 Marysville, CA
5/15-16 TBA
5/23-24 Edmonton, Canada
7/4-5 TBA
7/25-26 Albany, OR
8/15-16 Trulsons, WA
9/5-6 Fernley, NV
Info: 253/840-0466 or www.seanet.com/~russr

Sunshine State MX Championship Series
3/22 Ona, FL
4/5 Ocala, FL
4/19 Reddick, FL
4/26 Dade City, FL
5/3 Ona, FL
5/10 Reddick, FL
5/24 Orlando, FL
5/31 Ocala, FL
6/7 Dade City, FL
6/28 Ona, FL
7/5 Orlando, FL
7/12 Reddick, FL
7/19 Dade City, FL
7/26 Ona, FL
8/16 Orlando, FL
8/23 Reddick, FL
8/30 Dade City, FL
9/6 Ona, FL
9/13 Orlando, FL
Info: 352/242-2605

GFI Winter Series
South
3/22 Barona Oaks
4/5 Competition Park*
North-South Showdown
4/26 Perris, CA
*Action, Kawasaki, Suzuki & Yamaha Contingency
Info: 909/653-4042 or 209/656-9682

CMRRA 50cc/125cc C'ship Road Race Series
3/21-22 Rosamond, CA
4/12 Palomar, CA
5/3 Riverside, CA
6/27-28 Rosamond, CA
7/26 Palomar, CA
8/23 Riverside, CA
9/27 Palomar, CA
10/24-25 Rosamond, CA
11/22 Palomar, CA
12/13 Riverside, CA
Info: 909/674-5357

WSMC Road Race Series
4/18-19 Rosamond, CA, Rnd 4
5/16-17 Rosamond, CA, Rnd 5
6/20-21 Rosamond, CA, Rnd 6
7/18-19 Rosamond, CA, Rnd 7
8/15-16 Rosamond, CA, Rnd 8
9/19-20 Rosamond, CA, Rnd 9
10/17-18 Rosamond, CA, Rnd 10
11/14-15 Rosamond, CA, Rnd 11
12/19-20 Rosamond, CA, Rnd 12
Info: 805/256-1234

NCMRRA Road Racing Series
3/21-22 Sacramento, CA
4/18-19 Sacramento, CA
5/16-17 Sacramento, CA
6/20-21 Sacramento, CA
7/18-19 Sacramento, CA
8/14-16 Donner Ski Ranch, CA
9/12-13 Sacramento, CA
10/3-4 Sacramento, CA
10/31-11/1 Sacramento, CA
Info: 916/722-5517

WML Motocross Series
5/9-10 San Bernardino, CA
6/27-28 Mammoth Mountain, CA
7/18-19 New Berlin, NY
8/1-2 Washougal, WA
8/3-9 Nashville, TN
8/29 Binghampton, NY
8/30 Binghampton, NY

Vintage Iron/Toyota Texas/AHRMA Spring MX Series
3/29 Houston, TX
4/19 Dallas, TX
4/26 Park Tyler, TX
5/3 Highlands, TX
5/17 Lake Whitney, TX
6/14 Houston, TX
8/29 Tyler, TX
Info: 281/679-5764

CMC Spring Classic Motocross Nationals
South Region
4/5 Victorville, CA
4/26 San Jacinto, CA

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NATIONAL SALES MANAGER - Job Code #NSM
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Promote Parts and Accessories sales to distributors worldwide, provide sales/customer service, present and follow-up on sales programs. Sales/marketing experience necessary, with college degree and bilingual skills a plus.

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Networks frequently modify program schedules. Consult your local cable listings to confirm broadcast dates and times. Cycle News is not responsible for errors in scheduling.

3/18/98	12:30 AM	Tampa, FL Supercross (R)	ESPN2
3/19/98	6:30 PM	MotoWorld	ESPN2
3/20/98	1:00 AM	Daytona Supercross (R)	ESPN2
3/20/98	7:30 PM	Daytona Bike Week-600 Supersport (R)	ESPN2
3/21/98	12:30 AM	Daytona 750 Supersport/250 GP	ESPN2
3/21/98	4:00 AM	Daytona Beach, FL Supercross (R)	ESPN2
3/21/98	6:00 AM	MotoWorld (R)	ESPN2
3/22/98	5:00 PM	FIM World Superbike-Phillip Island, Austratia	Fox
3/22/98	10:00 PM	FIM World Superbike-Phillip Island, Austratia	Speed
3/23/98	5:00 AM	Daytona Bike Week-600 Supersport (R)	ESPN2
3/23/98	11:00 PM	Daytona Bike Week-NASB	ESPN2
3/24/98	3:00 AM	MotoWorld (R)	ESPN2
3/24/98	3:00 PM	Daytona 750 Supersport/250 GP (R)	ESPN2
3/24/98	6:30 PM	MW2 Rev It Up (R)	ESPN2
3/24/98	6:30 PM	Bike Week - Larry Maiers, Host	Speed
3/24/98	7:00 PM	American Thunder - Love Ride 14	Speed
3/24/98	8:00 PM	Denver Arenacross	Speed
3/25/98	6:30 PM	MotoWorld	ESPN2
3/27/98	7:30 PM	New Orleans, LA Supercross	ESPN2
3/28/98	12:00 PM	New Orleans, LA Supercross (R)	ESPN2
3/28/98	2:00 PM	MotoWorld (R)	ESPN2
3/29/98	5:00 PM	FIM World Road Race-Shah Alam, Malaysia	Fox
3/30/98	5:30 AM	MotoWorld (R)	ESPN2
3/31/98	12:00 AM	New Orleans, LA Supercross (R)	ESPN2
3/31/98	2:00 AM	MW2 Rev It Up (R)	ESPN2
3/31/98	6:30 PM	Bike Week - Larry Maiers, Host	Speed
3/31/98	8:00 PM	Salt Lake City Arenacross	Speed

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Competition Schedule

Date	Club	Event
Mar 22	Huntington Beach MC First Loop 35, Second 45 miles - 10:00am Start Camp Rock Rd., Lucerne Valley, CA Info: Bill 909-242-9645	Hare & Hound
Apr 4 & 5	Hilltoppers M.C. "Best of the West" Series Round 3 Rodeo Grounds 29 Palms, CA Info: 714-898-4557 562-428-4971	Grand Prix Series
Apr 11 SAT.	So. Cal. M.C. "Burrito Run" Camp Rock Rd., Lucerne Valley, CA - 9:30am Start Info: 818-787-1142 626-337-4911 Dist. 37 Poker Run "Riders Helping Riders" 3pm	Hare & Hound

CALENDAR

Calendar listings are a free service for *Cycle News* readers and race promoters. All information is the responsibility of the promoter. **Calendar listings cannot be accepted over the phone**; we must have a complete written Calendar listing on file. Use listing blank in this section. Listings must be received by Wednesday for publication in the following week's issue. We strongly suggest racers/spectators call the promoter/track to confirm details before traveling to the event. **FAX - 714-436-9574**

5/17 Victorville, CA
5/31 San Jacinto, CA

North Region
4/12 Marysville, CA
5/2 Livermore, CA
5/10 Dixon, CA
5/24 Hollister, CA
5/30 Marysville, CA
6/6-7 Badlands Final Showdown
Info: 714/367-1141 or spcmcmx@aol.com

CMC West Coast Arenacross Challenge
TBA Las Vegas, NV
Info: 702/267-4392

KORR Hare Scrambles Championship Series
4/19 Wichita, KS
9/6 Wichita, KS
10/4 Sterling, KS
11/8 Marion, KS
11/22 Wichita, KS
12/6 Hillsboro, KS
Info: 316/942-6527

Virginia Championship Hare Scrambles Series
3/22 Farmville, VA
3/29 Budds Creek, MD
4/5 Martinsville, VA
4/26 Dillwyn, VA
5/3 Martinsville, VA
5/17 Surry, VA
5/31 Ivor, VA
6/7 Rural Retreat, VA
8/30 Danville, VA
9/6 Pulaski, VA
9/20 Middlebrook, VA
10/4 Martinsville, VA
10/11 Newport News, VA
11/1 Surry, VA
Info: 757/255-4620

KORR Motocross Championship Series
3/29 Sterling, KS
4/5 Hillsboro, KS
5/3 Marion, KS
5/17 Wichita, KS
5/31 Hillsboro, KS
6/7 Marion, KS
6/14 Sterling, KS
6/28 Inman, KS
7/12 Sterling, KS
7/18 Hillsboro, KS
7/19 Marion, KS
8/9 Sterling, KS
8/22 Wichita, KS
8/30 Hillsboro, KS
9/13 Marion, KS
9/20 Hillsboro, KS
9/27 Inman, KS
10/11 Hillsboro, KS
10/25 Marion, KS
12/13 Sterling, KS
Info: 316/942-6527

MRAN Desert Series
5/2 Panaca, NV
6/13-14 Caliente, NV
8/9 Ely, NV
8/23 Hiko, NV
10/17-18 Logandale, NV
11/7-8 Beatty, NV
11/21 Alamo, NV
Info: 702/437-6726

Silver State Desert Race Series
4/17-18 Tonopah, NV, Rnd 1
6/26-28 Ely, NV, Rnd 2
10/1-4 Vegas-to-Reno, NV, Rnd 3
12/4-6 Pahrump, NV, Rnd 4
Info: 702/457-5775 or www.bitd.com.

Silver State Golden State Motocross Series
7/10 Carson City, NV
7/18 Bishop, NV
7/24 Carson City, NV
8/1 Bishop, NV
8/14 Carson City, NV
8/22 Bishop, NV
9/3 Bishop, NV
Info: 702/267-4392

USRA Desert Series
4/4 Jericho, UT
5/9 Jericho, UT
5/23 Cherry Creek, UT
6/6-7 TBA
8/29 Jericho, UT
9/12 Wells, NV
9/26 TBA
10/10 Price, UT
11/14 Knolls, UT

USRA & ZMA Motocross Series
3/28-29 St. George, UT
4/11-12 Ogden, UT
5/30-31 Price, UT
6/20-21 Salinas, UT
7/11-12 Cedar City, UT
8/1-2 Price, UT
8/22-23 Cedar City, UT
9/19-20 Ogden, UT
10/3-4 Rock Springs, WY
11/27-28 St. George, UT
Info: 801/966-4635 or 435/673-2444

MRA Roadracing Series
5/3 Mead, CO
5/15-17 Colorado Springs, CO
5/31 Mead, CO
6/14 Denver, CO
6/28 Pueblo, CO
7/12 Mead, CO
8/16 Pueblo, CO
8/29-30 Colorado Springs, CO
9/19-20 Steamboat Springs, CO
10/4 Mead, CO
Info: 303/530-5678 or 303/369-8409

Mid-Atlantic Vintage Trials Series
3/22 Union Bridge, MD
4/5 Middletown, PA
4/25-26 Williamsport, PA
5/2-3 Toronto, OH
7/18 Farrandsville, PA
8/8 Toronto, OH
10/4 Toughkenamon, PA
Info: 410/775-7209

Georgia Championship Series
3/22 Breman, GA
3/29 Macon, GA
4/5 Roberta, GA
4/26 Dalton, GA
5/17 Dalton, GA
5/24 Macon, GA
9/6 Dalton, GA
9/20 Breman, GA
10/4 Macon, GA
10/11 Roberta, GA
10/25 Breman, GA
Info: 912/788-0413

District 38/FRT Superstition Championship Series
3/28 Plaster City, CA
4/26 Plaster City, CA
5/10 Los Sahuaros, CA
5/23 Plaster City, CA
7/25-26 Los Sahuaros, CA
8/1-2 Los Sahuaros, CA
8/22 Plaster City, CA
9/26 Lake Superstition, CA
10/11 Plaster City, CA
10/31 Lake Superstition, CA
11/22 Yuha, CA
12/6 Kamikaze Wash, CA
12/31 Plaster City, CA
Info: 619/427-5759

California Rough Scrambles Series
3/22 Madera, CA
11/1 Madera, CA
11/8 Madera, CA
11/15 Madera, CA
11/22 Madera, CA
11/29 Madera, CA
Info: 209/661-0706

Central California Dirt Track Series
3/29 Madera, CA
4/5 Madera, CA
4/19 Madera, CA
5/3 Madera, CA
9/20 Madera, CA
10/4 Madera, CA
10/11 Madera, CA
10/18 Madera, CA
10/25 Madera, CA
Info: 209/661-0706

California Dirt Track Championship Series
7/11 Chowchilla, CA
7/18 Chowchilla, CA
7/25 Chowchilla, CA
8/1 Chowchilla, CA
8/8 Chowchilla, CA
8/15 Chowchilla, CA
Info: 209/661-0706

West Coast Stadiacross Series
10/2-3 Fresno, CA
10/16-17 San Diego, CA
11/13-14 San Francisco, CA
11/20-21-22 Reno, NV
Info: 702/267-4392

Texas Cross Country Racing Association
3/22 Lake Murray, TX
4/5 Village Creek, TX
4/19 Lake Whitney, TX
5/3 Lake Bridgeport, TX
5/17 North Bryson, TX
5/31 Boars Nest-Jacksboro, TX
6/14 Terrell, OK
6/28 Fort Hood, TX
8/30 Penelope, TX
9/13 Rocky Ridge, TX
9/27 Gholson, TX
10/11 St. Joe, TX
Info: http://www.tccra.org

Nebraska Cornhusker Motocross Circuit
3/22 McCook, NE
3/29 Stockton, KS
4/19 Alma, NE
4/26 Stockton, KS
5/3 North Platte, NE
5/24 McCook, NE
5/25 McCook, NE
5/31 Douglas, NE
6/7 Alma, NE
6/14 North Platte, NE
6/21 Stockton, KS
6/28 Friend, NE
7/12 Stockton, KS
7/19 Friend, NE
7/26 McCook, NE
8/2 Stockton, KS
8/9 North Platte, NE
8/16 Friend, NE
8/23 McCook, NE
8/30 Friend, NE
9/13 Stockton, KS
9/20 Alma, NE
9/27 Douglas, NE
10/4 North Platte, NE
10/11 McCook, NE
10/18 Douglas, NE
Info: 308/345-3744 or 308/928-2503

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*Denotes Pro Payback

Mar 21-22

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - International Old-Timers MX Association, Central Valley Chapter, Tulare. Info: 209/688-3949.

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - CRC/Old-Timer National and Charity Series, Los Angeles County Raceway. Info: 805/272-8889.

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - International Old-Timers MX Association, Oatfield. Info: 408/379-4639.

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - Over The Hill Gang, Sierra Chapter National, The Oatfield, Turlock. Info: 714/680-8643.

KENTUCKY MOTOCROSS - AMA/Bluegrass Sports, Bluegrass Motocross Park, Clay City. Info: 606/744-5916.

* PENNSYLVANIA MOTOCROSS - Doublin Gap MX, Newburg. Info: 717/249-6036.

TENNESSEE OBSERVED TRIALS - AMA/TTC Motorcycling Vacation Resort, Sequatchie. Info: 423/942-8688 or trialwench@aol.com.

TENNESSEE MOTOCROSS - Serious Racewear Mega Series, Victory Sports Racing, Blountville. Info: 423/323-5497.

Sat, Mar 21

FLORIDA DIRT TRACK - FDTRA/Orange County Raceway, Orlando. Info: 407/869-5388.

* FLORIDA MOTOCROSS - West Florida Motocross Park, Milton. Info: 850/623-6038.

* FLORIDA MOTOCROSS - KRY Inc., Pasco County Fairgrounds, Dade City. Info: 352/588-4697 or Http://Homepage.USR.com/D/Dadecity.

GEORGIA MOTOCROSS - Southern Raceway, Bainbridge. Info: 912/246-3607 or 912/246-5088.

* MICHIGAN MOTOCROSS - AMA/District 14, Dirt Riders Motorsports, Log Road, Bronson. Info: 419/636-5430.

* NORTH CAROLINA MOTOCROSS - East Bend MX, District 29, Nite Race, East Bend. Info: 336/699-3629.

* OHIO MOTOCROSS - AMA/District 11, Shannon King Dirt Country, Blanchester. Info: 513/625-7350.

* OKLAHOMA INDOOR DIRT TRACK - Total Performance Racing, McClain County Expo, Purcell. Info: 918/836-6999.

* PENNSYLVANIA SHORT TRACK - AMA/Trail-Way Speedway, Hanover. Info: 717/359-4310.

UTAH HARE SCRAMBLES - Shoestring Racing, Delta Valley Cheese Farm, Delta. Info: 435/864-3558.

Sun, Mar 22

* ALABAMA MOTOCROSS - Chandler Mountain MX, Steele. Info: 205/681-8317.

* ARIZONA MOTOCROSS - AMX North/South Shootout Series, Go Huge Racing Promotions, Ocotillo Raceway, Eloy. Info: 520/743-7727..

* ARIZONA MOTOCROSS - AMX North/South Shootout, Speedworld MX, Phoenix. Info: 602/849-1572.

CALIFORNIA GRAND PRIX - SRA/Glen Helen, San Bernardino. Info: 714/957-2985.

CALIFORNIA HARE SCRAMBLES - Ghostriders MC/District 36 B-C Series Event, Hollister Hills, SVRA, Hollister. Info: 408/265-2122.

* CALIFORNIA GRAND PRIX - Tom Anderson's Sandhill Ranch, Brentwood. Info: 510/634-3328.

CALIFORNIA CYCLE SHOW & SWAP MEET - Long Beach Veterans Stadium, Long Beach. Info: 714/557-1846.

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - Cycleland Speedway, Chico. Info: 530/342-0063.

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - Hanford Motocross Association, Hanford Fairgrounds, Hanford. Info: 209/582-8493.

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - GFI Racing, GFI Winter Series, Rnd 4, Barona Oaks, Ramona. Info: 909/653-4042.

CALIFORNIA HARE AND HOUND - HBMC, Anderson Dry Lake, Camp Rock Road, Lucerne Valley. Info: 714/842-0569.

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - Vintage MX Regional, AHRMA, Gorman. Info: 909/929-6772 or 909/944-7336.

CALIFORNIA DUAL SPORT - Team Dual Dogs/Palomar Adventure, Pechanga Entertainment Center, Temecula. Info: 805/701-1913 or www.DualDogs.com.

* COLORADO MOTOCROSS - SRAC/Pueblo Motorsports Inc., Pueblo. Info: 303/988-7722 or 303/989-7436.

FLORIDA MOTOCROSS - ProSports USA, Sunshine State MX Championship Series, Sun State Raceway, Ona. Info: 352/242-2605.

* FLORIDA ROAD RACE - CCS/Moroso Motorsports Park, West Palm Beach. Info: 561/793-3394.

* FLORIDA MOTOCROSS - Double A Promotions, North Florida Raceway, Jacksonville. Info: 904/268-2223.

* GEORGIA MOTOCROSS - Georgia Championship MX Series, Rnd 2, Team Green Peach State Challenge/Wings & Wheels AMA club, Bremen Race Park, Bremen. Info: 770/941-8464.

* GEORGIA MOTOCROSS - CRC Inc., Camden Racing Complex, Woodbine. Info: 912/576-3000.

* KENTUCKY HARE SCRAMBLES - Mid-South Winter Hare Scrambles Series, Cadiz. Info: 615/859-0873 or www.msws.org.

* KENTUCKY MOTOCROSS - Boyde Wolfe Promotions, Buffalo Creek Raceway, Grayson. Info: 606/833-2776.

MARYLAND HARE SCRAMBLES - Antietam Motorcycle Club Inc., Howell Road, Hagerstown. Info: 301/797-8686 or 301/797-1607 or http:/members.ao/.com.

* MICHIGAN MOTOCROSS - AMA/District 14, Dirt Riders Motorsports, Log Road, Bronson. Info: 419/636-5430.

* MISSISIPPI MOTOCROSS - Motocross 886 Season Opener, Pontotoc. Info: 601/489-8316.

* MISSOURI MOTOCROSS - AMA/District 18, HLR Motorsports Park, Moberly. Info: 660/263-4296 or www.mobm.com/HLR.

* MISSOURI MOTOCROSS - Midwest Spring MX Championship, Moto Sports Inc., Midwest Xtreme Park, Merwin. Info: 913/268-3955.

* NEBRASKA MOTOCROSS - Southwest Nebraska MX, McCook. Info: 308/345-3744.

NEVADA HARE AND HOUND - MRAN, SNDR/Nevada State Championships, Panaca. Info: 702/431-1080.

* NORTH CAROLINA MOTOCROSS - Daniels Ridge, Spring Summer Series, Taylorsville. Info: 704/758-4342.

NORTH CAROLINA MOTOCROSS - Dirt World Promotions, AMC, Montrose MX Park, Raeford. Info: 919/554-4467.

* OHIO MOTOCROSS - AMA/Vinton Motocross Park, McArthur. Info: 614/596-2057.

* OHIO HARE SCRAMBLES - Mansfield Motorcycle Club, Cookton Grange Road, Mansfield. Info: 419/774-0430.

* OHIO MOTOCROSS - CRA/FMF Day, Malvern MX Park, Malvern. Info: 330/262-4945.

* OKLAHOMA MOTOCROSS - Pro-Am Sports Inc., Motorcycle Raceway, Oklahoma City. Info: 405/737-2468.

PENNSYLVANIA HARE SCRAMBLES - Flying Dutchman MC Inc., Pine Grove. Info: 717/345-6340 or 717/345-8734.

SOUTH CAROLINA CROSS COUNTRY - Grand National Cross Country, Racer Productions Inc., Big Buck, Cross Anchor. Info: 304/284-0084.

TEXAS CROSS COUNTRY - Texas Cross Country Racing Association, Lake Murray. Info: 817/685-8091 or dgdq32a@prodigy.com. or www.brit.com/~tccra/.

* TEXAS SHORT TRACK - Action Promotions, Action Speedway, Mineola. Info: 903/768-2415.

* VIRGINIA MOTOCROSS - AMA/District 13, U.S. Eastern MX Spring Series, BirchCreek Motorsports Park, Danville. Info: 804/724-4392.

* WASHINGTON MOTOCROSS - CMC/Squisher Racing, Horn Rapids ORV, Richland. Info: 509/837-3595.

Mar 27-28

* IDAHO ARENACROSS - SRO Entertainment Group Inc., Boise State University Pavilion, Boise. Info: 888/753-9818.

Mar 28-29

* ARIZONA MOTOCROSS - AMX North/South Shootout, Verde Valley Motorplex, Cottonwood. Info: 520/634-6133.

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - Pacific Coast Pro-Am Championships, Hollister. Info: 209/673-8080.

GEORGIA MOTOCROSS - Championship Series, Loretta Lynn's Area Qualifier, AMA, Echeconnee MX Club, Macon. Info: 912/788-8227.

* UTAH MOTOCROSS - St. George Motorcycle Club, Winter Series, St. George.

* VIRGINIA MOTOCROSS - AMA/District 13, Northeast Area Qualifier, Actiontown USA MX Park, Dillwyn. Info: 804/724-4392.

Sat, Mar 28

CALIFORNIA SWAP MEET - 11th annual All-British Motorcycle Show & Swap Meet, Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, San Jose. Info: 415/749-4682.

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - Holeshot Promotions MX, Fresno County Fairgrounds, Fresno. Info: 805/940-6853.

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - Riverfront Park, Night Race, Marysville. Info: 530/695-2727.

* FLORIDA MOTOCROSS - KRY Inc., Pasco County Fairgrounds, Dade City. Info: 352/588-4697 or Http://Homepage.USR.com/D/Dadecity.

* IDAHO MOTOCROSS - Owyhee Motorcycle Club, Idaho, Winter Sand Track, Boise. Info: 208/384-5512.

LOUISIANA SPEEDWAY - Possum Cove International Speedway, Mossbluff. Info: 318/855-2401 or 318/855-1978.

* MICHIGAN MOTOCROSS - AMA/District 14, Dirt Riders Motorsports, Log Road, Bronson. Info: 419/636-5430.

* NORTH CAROLINA MOTOCROSS - East Bend MX, District 29, Nite Race, East Bend. Info: 336/699-3629.

* PENNSYLVANIA SHORT TRACK - AMA/Trail-Way Speedway, Hanover. Info: 717/359-4310.

TENNESSEE MOTOCROSS - KTMXA, Paris Dirt Trackers Inc., Hope Charity Race, Jackson Madison County Fairgrounds, Jackson. Info: 901/642-0511.

Sun, Mar 29

* ALASKA ICE RACE - Aurora Ice Racing Inc., 3/8-mile oval, Klondike Inn, Big Lake. Info: 907/333-1760 or 892-8803 or lfolster@akarea.alaska.ihs.gov.

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - CRC/Charity Series, Edwards AFB. Info: 805/272-8889.

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - LGMX/Spring Series, Rnd 1, Perris Raceway, Perris. Info: 805/521-0808.

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - CMMC/Wildcat Canyon Road, Ramona. Info: 760/752-8252.

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - Hanford Motocross Association, Hanford Fairgrounds, Hanford. Info: 209/582-8493.

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - Over The Hill Gang, Lemon Grove Series, Rnd 1, Perris Raceway. Info: 714/680-8643.

CALIFORNIA DUAL SPORT RIDE - AMA/District 37, Pacific Adventures, Accessories Unlimited, Newhall. Info: 626/446-7386.

*CALORNIA MOTOCROSS - GFI Winter Series, Rnd 5, Oatfield Raceway, Turlock. Info: 209/656-9682.

* COLORADO MOTOCROSS - RMXA, Two Rivers Racing, Milliken. Info: 303/271-0190 or 719/473-6723 or rmxarules@worldnet.att.net.

* COLORADO MOTOCROSS - SRAC/Cheyenne Cycle Club, Cheyenne. Info: 303/988-7722 or 303/989-7436.

* IDAHO MOTOCROSS - Owyhee Motorcycle Club, Idaho, Winter Sand Track, Boise. Info: 208/384-5512.

KENTUCKY HARE SCRAMBLES - AMA/District 10, Bluegrass Sports, Red River Hare Scrambles, Clay City. Info: 606/744-5916.

* KENTUCKY MOTOCROSS - Boyde Wolfe Promotions, Buffalo Creek Raceway, Grayson. Info: 606/833-2776.

MARYLAND HARE SCRAMBLES - VCHSS, Budds Creek MX Park, Budds Creek. Info: 301/475-2000 or www.buddscreek.com.

MARYLAND TRAIL RIDE - Western Maryland Off Road Riders, Cliffside Off/Road Park, Rawlings. Info: 301/724-6738.

MICHIGAN MOTORCYCLE SWAP MEET - Half Mile Cycle Race Corp., Saginaw Civic Center, Saginaw. Info: 616/941-0815.

* NEBRASKA MOTOCROSS - Great Plains Promotions, White Sands Raceway, Ashland. Info: 402/556-5801.

NEVADA MOTOCROSS - Nevada Old-Timers, Rnd 5, Fernley International Raceway, Fernley. Info: 702/423-8226.

NEW MEXICO MOTOCROSS - AMA High Desert Racing Club, Aztec. Info: 970/533-9747 or 505/325-4195.

* NORTH CAROLINA HARE SCRAMBLES - North Carolina Hare Scramble Association, Taylorsville. Info: 704/758-4342.

* OHIO MOTOCROSS - Spring Series Blendzall Day, Malvern MX Park, Malvern. Info: 330/262-4945.

* OKLAHOMA MOTOCROSS - Pro-Am Sports Inc., Motorcycle Raceway, Oklahoma City. Info: 405/737-2468.

* OKLAHOMA DIRT TRACK - Total Performance Racing, Tulsa Speedway, Tulsa. Info: 918/836-6999.

* OKLAHOMA CROSS COUNTRY - Oklahoma Cross Country Racing Association, Oklahoma Dirt Riders, Lake Draper, Oklahoma City. Info: 405/235-0548.

PENNSYLVANIA MOTOCROSS - Sleepy Hollow MX Park, AMA/District 6, Fredericksburg. Info: 717/865-5530 or 717/273-1180.

PENNSYLVANIA HARE SCRAMBLES - Flying Dutchmen MC Inc., Pine Grove. Info: 717/345-6340 or 717/345-8734.

* SOUTH CAROLINA MOTOCROSS - Hardeeville MX, Purrysburge Road, Hardeeville. Info: 912/748-6304.

SOUTH CAROLINA MOTOCROSS - Winters Marketing Ultra Series, Victory Sports Racing, Chesterfield. Info: 423/323-5497.

* TENNESSEE HARE SCRAMBLES - Mid-South Winter Hare Scrambles Series, Dickson. Info: 615/859-0873 or www.msws.org.

* TENNESSEE MOTOCROSS - KTMXA, Paris Dirt Trackers Inc., Graduation Charity Race, Carroll County Civic Center Fairgrounds, Huntington. Info: 901/642-0511.

TEXAS MOTORCYCLE SHOW - 10th annual Motorcycle Expo, Show, Swap Meet, Arlington Texas Convention Center. Info: 972/216-5520.

* VIRGINIA MOTOCROSS - AMA/District 13, U.S. Eastern MX Spring Series, Actiontown USA MX Park, Dillwyn. Info: 804/724-4392.

* WASHINGTON MOTOCROSS - CMC/Squisher Racing, Horn Rapids ORV, Richland. Info: 509/837-3595.

Apr 4-5

* ARIZONA MOTOCROSS - AMX North/South Shootout, Speed World MX, Phoenix. Info: 602/849-1572.

CALIFORNIA HILLCLIMB - NAHA/Skips at Carnegie, U.S. Rentals, Carnegie SVRA, Tracy. Info: 888/244-7547.

CALIFORNIA GRAND PRIX - AMA/District 37, Big 6 GP Series, Twentynine Palms. Info:.714/898-4557 or 562/428-4971.

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - Pacific Coast Pro-Am Championship, Hangtown, Prairie City. Info: 209/673-8080.

GEORGIA OBSERVED TRIALS - STRA/Monroe. Info: 423/942-8688 or trialwench@aol.com.

IDAHO MOTOCROSS - International Old-Timers MX Association, Idaho Falls. Info: 408/379-4639.

MARYLAND MOTOCROSS - AMA/District 7, Budds Creek MX Park, Leonard Town. Info: 301/475-2000 or www.buddscreek.com.

NORTH CAROLINA MOTOCROSS - Devils Ridge, AMA Loretta Lynn's Amateur Qualifier, North Carolina State Championship, Sanford. Info: 919/776-1767.

Sat, Apr 4

* ALABAMA MOTOCROSS - Ironman MX Park, Warrior. Info: 205/663-0963.

CALIFORNIA DIRT TRACK - AHRMA/Vintage Dirt Track Series, Tulare Cycle Park, Tulare. Info: 209/685-0503.

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - Holeshot Promotions MX, Fresno County Fairgrounds, Fresno. Info: 805/940-6853.

FLORIDA DIRT TRACK - FDTRA/Orange County Raceway, Orlando. Info: 407/869-5388.

* FLORIDA MOTOCROSS - KRY Inc., Pasco County Fairgrounds, Dade City. Info: 352/588-4697 Http://Homepage.USR.com/D/Dadecity.

* MISSOURI MOTOCROSS - Sprout Patch Competition Inc., Sprout Patch, Billings. Info: 417/744-2593.

PENNSYLVANIA MOTOCROSS - Spring Series, Bellco Inc., Steel City USA, Delmont. Info: 304/284-0084.

* PENNSYLVANIA SHORT TRACK - AMA/Armin Hostetter Trail-Way Speedway, Hanover. Info: 717/359-4310.

TENNESSEE CROSS COUNTRY - Racer Productions Inc., Loretta Lynn's Ranch, Hurricane Mills. Info: 304/284-0084.

* UTAH HARE AND HOUND - Sageriders, Shawn Gerber Memorial National Hare and Hound, Cherry Creek Riding Area, Jericho. Info: 801/756-0814.

Sun, Apr 5

CALIFORNIA DIRT TRACK - Central California Dirt Track Series, Cushion Short Track, open traction, Madera Fairgrounds, Madera. Info: 209/661-0706.

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - Lemon Grove MX Park, Rnd 2, Spring Series, Piru. Info: 805/521-0808.

* CALIFORNIA GRAND PRIX - Sandhill Ranch, AHMA MX, Camino Diablo Rd. Brentwood. Info: 510/634-3328.

CALIFORNIA SUPER MOTOCROSS - CRC/Tri-Race Series, Los Angeles County Raceway. Info: 805/272-8889.

CALIFORNIA ROAD RALLY - Vintage, BSA/AHRMA, Milani's Bst Bar, Lake - Country, San Rafael. Info: 415/457-5423.

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - Cycleland Speedway, Chico. Info: 530/342-0063.

CALIFORNIA OPEN SCRAMBLES - Tulare Cycle Park, Open Scramble Benefit Race, Tulare. Info: 209/685-0503.

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - GFI Winter Series, Rnd 5, Competition Park, San Jacinto. Info: 909/653-4042.

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - Phillipsville MX, Phillipsville. Info: 707/943-3029.

* COLORADO MOTOCROSS - RMXA/Two Rivers Racing, Milliken. Info: 303/271-0190 or 719/473-6723 or rmxarules@worldnet.att.net.

* COLORADO MOTOCROSS - SRAC/Coyote, Colorado Springs. Info: 303/988-7722 or 303/989-7436.

FLORIDA MOTOCROSS - ProSports USA, Sunshine State MX Championship Series, Hardrock Cycle Park, Ocala. Info: 352/242-2605.

* GEORGIA MOTOCROSS - AMA/Dixie MC Sports Inc., Georgia Championship Series, Hillbilly Hills MX, Roberta. Info: 912/788-0413.

* MICHIGAN SUPERCROSS - Pontiac Supercross Amateur Race, Michigan Motorcycle Dealers Association, Pontiac Silverdome. Info: 517/323-8323 or www.racemra.com.

MICHIGAN MOTORCYCLE SWAPMEET - Half Mile Cycle Race Corp., Grand Center, Grand Rapids. Info: 616/941-0815.

* MISSOURI MOTOCROSS - Midwest Spring MX Championship, Moto Sports Inc., X/-2 Motocross Park, Grain Valley. Info: 913/268-3955.

NEW JERSEY ENDURO - ECEA, Rnd 3, Motorcycle Comp. Inc., Warren Grove Fire House, Warren Grove. Info: 609/758-8222.

* NEW YORK MOTOCROSS - Frozen Ocean Motocross, WNYSC, Auburn. Info: 315/784-5466 or 784-5517.

OHIO HARE SCRAMBLES - CRA, Salem Motorcycle Club Inc., Lisbon. Info: 330/482-2971 or 332-9465.

* OHIO MOTOCROSS - Action Sports, AMA, Linscott's Farm, Albany. Info: 740/594-6686.

PENNSYLVANIA HARE SCRAMBLES - Flying Dutchmen MC Inc., Pine Grove. Info: 717/345-6340 or 717/345-8734.

* PENNSYLVANIA MOTOCROSS - Doublin Gap MX, Newburg. Info: 717/249-6036.

* SOUTH CAROLINA MOTOCROSS - Hardeeville MX Racing, Hardeeville. Info: 912/748-6304.

TENNESSEE HARE SCRAMBLES - Racer Productions Inc., Grand National Cross Country/Hare Scrambles, Loretta Lynn's Ranch, Hurricane Mills. Info: 304/284-0084.

TENNESSEE MOTOCROSS - Serious Racewear Mega Series, Victory Sports Racing, Blountville. Info: 423/323-5497.

TEXAS CROSS COUNTRY - Texas Cross Country Racing Association, Village Creek. Info: 817/685-8091 or dgdq32a@prodigy.com. or www.brit.com/~tccra/.

* TEXAS SHORT TRACK - Action Promotions, Action Speedway, Mineola. Info: 903/768-2415.

* TEXAS MOTOCROSS - 26th annual GNC Texas Series, Mosier Valley USA, Arlington. Info: 214/351-9900.

Fri, Apr 10

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - K-B Racing Promotions, Sacramento Raceway, Sacramento. Info: 916/682-6123.

Apr 11-12

NORTH CAROLINA MOTOCROSS - Winters Marketing Ultra Series, Victory Sports Racing, Forest City. Info: 423/323-5497.

* UTAH MOTOCROSS - USRA/Ogden Motocross Park, Ogden. Info: 801/966-4635.

Sat, Apr 11

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - GFI Racing, Super Saturday & 9th annual Easter Egg Toss MX, Perris Raceway, Perris. Info: 909/653-4042.

CALIFORNIA TT - Fresno Motorcycle Club, Caruthers Fairgrounds, Caruthers. Info: 209/435-2515.

CALIFORNIA HARE & HOUND - Southern California MC, District 37, Burrito Run, Camp Rock Road, Lucerne Valley. Info: 818/787-1142.

CALIFORNIA POKER RUN - District 37, AMA, Riders Helping Riders, Camp Rock Road, Lucerne Valley. Info: 909/944-3279.

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - Pacific Coast Pro-Am Championship, Hollister. Info: 209/673-8080.

* FLORIDA MOTOCROSS - KRY Inc., Pasco County Fairgrounds, Dade City. Info: 352/588-4697 or Http://Homepage.USR.com/D/Dadecity.

GEORGIA MOTOCROSS - Southern Raceway, Bainbridge. Info: 912/246-3607 or 912/246-5088.

ILLINOIS MOTORCYCLE SHOW - J&P Promotions, 11th annual MC Parts Extravaganza, Bell-Clair County Fairgrounds, Belleville. Info: 319/462-6011.

* ILLINOIS DIRT TRACK - AMA/District 17, Prairie Thunder MC, Menard County Fairgrounds, Petersburg. Info: 217/632-3857.

* MICHIGAN MOTOCROSS - District 14, Baja Acres, Millington. Info: 517/871-3356.

* NORTH CAROLINA SUPERCROSS - Under the Lights Night Series, NAME, Rolling Hills Cycle Park, Reidsville. Info: 336/342-4492.

* NORTH CAROLINA MOTOCROSS - East Bend MX, District 29, Nite Race, East Bend. Info: 336/699-3629.

* NORTH CAROLINA MOTOCROSS - Daniels Ridge, Spring Summer Series, Taylorsville. Info: 704/758-4342.

* OKLAHOMA INDOOR DIRT TRACK - Total Performance Racing, Bedrock Arena, Glenpool. Info: 918/836-6999.

* PENNSYLVANIA SHORT TRACK - AMA/Armin Hostetter Trail-Way Speedway, Hanover. Info: 717/359-4310.

PENNSYLVANIA MOTOCROSS - Sleepy Hollow MX Park, Fredericksburg. Info: 717/865-5530 or 717/273-1180.

Sun, Apr 12

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - LGMX/Glen Helen Raceway, Rnd 3, Spring Series, San Bernardino. Info: 805/521-0808.

CALIFORNIA GRAND PRIX - CRC/Tri-Race Series, Golden Bear GP, Los Angeles County Raceway. Info: 805/272-8889.

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - CMMC/Wildcat Canyon Road, Ramona. Info: 760/752-8252.

CALIFORNIA DUAL SPORT - Team Dual Dogs/Tour of Los Padres, Cota/Santa Barbara Street parking lot, Santa Barbara. Info: 805/701-1913 or www. DualDogs.com.

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - CMC, Dave Coupe Promotions, Marysville E St. Sand Track, Marysville. Info: 530/673-5956 or dcoupe@jps.net.

* KENTUCKY MOTOCROSS - Boyde Wolfe Promotions, Buffalo Creek Raceway, Grayson. Info: 606/833-2776.

* NEW YORK MOTOCROSS - Frozen Ocean Motocross, WNYSC, Auburn. Info: 315/784-5466 or 784-5517.

* NORTH CAROLINA MOTOCROSS - AMA/Districts 13 & 29, Dixieland Motorsports, Elizabeth City MX Park. Info: 757/549-7012.

* RTH CAROLINA MOTOCROSS - Dirt World Promotions, AMC, Montrose MX Park, Raeford. Info: 919/554-4467.

OHIO HARE SCRAMBLES - CRA/Wagner Racing Promoting, Broken Spokes Raceway, North Lawrence. Info: 330/682-9231.

* TEXAS MOTOCROSS - 26th annual GNC Texas Series, Burleson MX Park, Burleson. Info: 214/351-9900.

Apr 15-19

NEVADA MOTOCROSS - 27th annual NMA World Mini Grand Prix, Las Vegas Motor Speedway, Las Vegas. Info: 562/868-8112 or 909/657-6782.

Apr 17-19

CALIFORNIA ROADRACE - Vintage Roadrace, Team Obsolete Promotions, Laguna Seca Raceway, Salinas. Info: 718/596-0504 or www.teamobsolete.com.

Apr 18-19

ALABAMA MOTOCROSS - AMA/Youth & Amateur, Loretta Lynn's Qualifier, Kilpatrick MX, Albertville. Info:

* ARIZONA MOTOCROSS - A/A Western Four-Stroke National, Speed World MX, - hoenix. Info: 602/849-1572.

* ARIZONA MOTOCROSS - Vet MX, Southwest Vet Championships, Speed World MX, Phoenix. Info: 602/849-1572.

CALIFORNIA ROAD RACING - WSMC/Willow Springs International Raceway, Rnd 4, Rosamond. Info: 805/256-1234.

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - Pacific Coast Pro-Am Championship, Club Moto, Livermore. Info: 209/673-8080.

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - Phillipsville MX, Phillipsville. Info: 707/943-3029.

* OHIO MOTOCROSS - AMA/District 11 Mid-East Area Qualifier, Sunday Creek Raceway, Jacksonville. Info: 614/797-2413.

OKLAHOMA TRAIL RIDE - Oklahoma Dirt Riders, Campout/Trail Ride, Robbers Cave. Info: 405/769-3328 or 405/793-1547.

Sat, Apr 18

* CALIFORNIA SPEEDWAY - International Speedway Coors Light '98 Season Opener, Orange County Fairgrounds, Costa Mesa. Info: 714/492-9933 or www.wient.com/speedway.

FLORIDA DIRT TRACK - FDTRA/Orange County Raceway, Orlando. Info: 407/869-5388.

* FLORIDA MOTOCROSS - KRY Inc., Pasco County Fairgrounds, Dade City. Info: 352/588-4697 or Http://Homepage.USR.com/D/Dadecity.

GEORGIA OBSERVED TRIALS - STRA/Cleveland. Info: 423/942-8688 or trialwench@aol.com.

* MISSOURI MOTOCROSS - Sprout Patch Competition Inc., Sprout Patch, Billings. Info: 417/744-2593.

* NORTH CAROLINA MOTOCROSS - East Bend MX, District 29, Nite Race, East Bend. Info: 336/699-3629.

Sun, Apr 19

ARIZONA MOTOCROSS - Vintage MX, Southwest Vintage Championship, Speed World MX, Phoenix. Info: 602/966-0101.

CALIFORNIA DIRT TRACK - Central California Dirt Track Series, Cushion Short Track, open traction, Madera Fairgrounds, Madera. Info: 209/661-0706.

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - AHRMA/Vintage, Lemon Grove MX Park, Piru. Info: 805/521-0808.

CALIFORNIA DIRT TRACK - Temecula Speedway, San Diego Flat Track Assoc. Inc. Info: 619/277-1591.

CALIFORNIA GRAND PRIX - SRA/Carlsbad Raceway, Carlsbad. Info: 714/957-2985.

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - CRC/Tri-Race Series, Los Angeles County Raceway. Info: 805/272-8889.

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - Cycleland Speedway, Chico. Info: 530/342-0063.

* COLORADO MOTOCROSS - SRAC/Pueblo Motorsports Inc., Pueblo. Info: 303/988-7722 or 303/989-7436.

FLORIDA MOTOCROSS - ProSports USA, Sunshine State MX Championship Series, Motocross of Marion County, Reddick. Info: 352/242-2605.

KENTUCKY HARE SCRAMBLES - AMA, Eagle Creek Park, Mason Lane, Owenton. Info: 606/472-3442.

MARYLAND MOTOCROSS - Antietam MC Club Inc., Howell Road, Hagerstown. Info: 301/797-8686 or 301/797-1607.

* RYLAND HARE SCRAMBLES - Ironman Hare Scramble Series, AMA, Western Maryland Off Road Riders, Cliff side Off-Road Park, Rawlings. Info: 301/724-6738.

MASSACHUSETTS MOTORCYCLE SHOW - J&P Promotions, 5th annual MC Parts Extravaganza, Bayside Exposition Center, Hall D, Boston. Info: 319/462-6011.

MICHIGAN MOTORCYCLE SWAP MEET - Half Mile Cycle Race Corp., Michigan State Fairgrounds, Detroit. Info: 616/941-0815.

* MISSOURI MOTOCROSS - Midwest Spring MX Championship, Moto Sports Inc., Midwest Xtreme Park, Merwin. Info: 913/268-3955.

* NEVADA MOTOCROSS - Nevada MX Development, Rnd 6, Stead Track, Reno. Info: 702/423-8226.

NEW MEXICO MOTOCROSS - AMA, High Desert Racing Club, Aztec. Info: 970/533-9747 or 505/325-4195.

* NEW YORK MOTOCROSS - Hunt Moto Park, WNYSC, Robinson Road, Hunt. Info: 716/476-2697.

OHIO HARE SCRAMBLES - Sunset Ramblers MC Club of Galion. Info: 419/562-6931.

OHIO HARE SCRAMBLES - AMA/District 11, Sunday Creek Raceway, Jacksonville. Info: 614/797-2413.

* OHIO MOTOCROSS - MRA, Sandusky Valley Riders MC, Tiffin. Info: 419/927-MOTO or www.racemra.com.

* OHIO MOTOCROSS - CRA/Competition Riders of America, Western Reserve MC Club, Salem. Info: 330/337-8005.

PENNSYLVANIA MOTOCROSS - Spring Series, Racer Productions Inc., Brownsville Luzerne Park, Brownsville. Info: 304/284-0084.

PENNSYLVANIA HARE SCRAMBLES - Spring Series, Racer Productions Inc., Brownsville Luzerne Park, Brownsville. Info: 304/284-0084.

* PENNSYLVANIA SHORT TRACK - AMA/Districts 6 & 7, Baer Racing, Shippensburg Speedway, Shippensburg. Info: 717/796-0294.

* PENNSYLVANIA MOTOCROSS - Doublin Gap MX, Newburg. Info: 717/249-6036.

SOUTH CAROLINA MOTOCROSS - Hardeeville MX Racing, Hardeeville. Info: 912/748-6304.

TEXAS CROSS COUNTRY - Texas Cross Country Racing Association, Lake Whitney. Info: 817/685-8091 or dgdq32a@prodigy.com. or www.brit.com/~tccra/.

* TEXAS SHORT TRACK - Action Promotions, Action Speedway, Mineola. Info: 903/768-2415.

* WASHINGTON MOTOCROSS - CMC/Squisher Racing, Horn Rapids ORV, Richland. Info: 509/837-3595.

Fri, Apr 24

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - Spring Series, K-B Promotions, Sacramento Raceway, Sacramento. Info: 916/682-6123.

Apr 25-26

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - International Old-Timers MX Association, Marysville, Riverfront Park, Marysville. Info: 408/379-4639.

CALIFORNIA POKER RUN - Hi Desert Charities, Bureau of Land Management, Barstow to Slash X Cafe, Barstow. Info: 760/252-3093.

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - Pacific Coast Pro-Am Championship, Madera. Info: 209/673-8080.

* VIRGINIA MOTOCROSS - AMA/District 13, Northeast Area Qualifier, Birchcreek Motorsports Park, Danville. Info: 804/724-4392.

Sat, Apr 25

* CALIFORNIA SPEEDWAY - International Speedway, Orange County Fairgrounds, Costa Mesa. Info: 714/492-9933 or www.wient.com/speedway.

CALIFORNIA TT - Fresno Motorcycle Club, Caruthers Fairgrounds, Caruthers. Info: 209/435-2515.

* FLORIDA MOTOCROSS - KRY Inc., Pasco County Fairgrounds, Dade City. Info: 352/588-4697 or Http://Homepage.USR.com/D/Dadecity.

LOUISIANA SPEEDWAY - Possum Cove International Speedway, Mossbluff. Info: 318/855-2401 or 318/855-1978.

* NORTH CAROLINA MOTOCROSS - Daniles Ridge, Spring Summer Series, Taylorsville. Info: 704/758-4342.

* OHIO MOTOCROSS - MRA, Delta Raceway, Day Race, Delta. Info: 419/822-3006 or 734/241-1600 or www.racemra.com.

* PENNSYLVANIA SHORT TRACK - AMA/Armin Hostetter Trail-way Speedway, Hanover. Info: 717/359-4310.

VIRGINIA MOTOCROSS - Powerline Motocross Playground, Floyd County, Willis. Info: 540/789-7260 or 540/789-7640.

Sun, Apr 26

* ALABAMA MOTOCROSS - Chandler Mountain MX, Steele. Info: 205/681-8317.

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - LGMX/Starwest MX Park, Rnd 4, Spring Series, .Moreno Valley. Info: 805/521-0808.-

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - CRC/Dunestown Race Series, Los Angeles County Raceway. Info: 805/272-8889.

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Event sanction/promoter/sponsoring club: _____

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Location of event: _____

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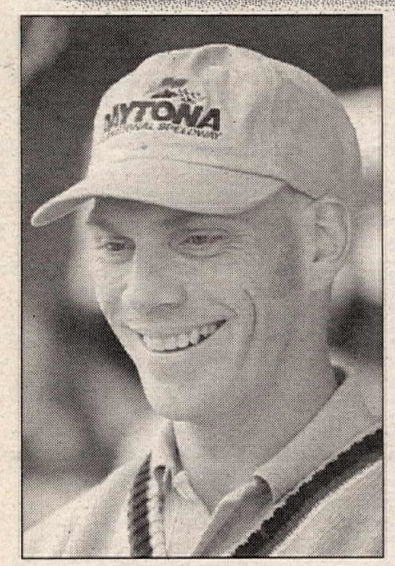
LEADERBOARD

1998 Championship Point Standings



SCOTT RUSSELL

ROAD RACING

AMA/MBNA SUPERBIKE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

(After 2 of 13 rounds)

1.	Anthony Gobert (Duc), Australia	(60/1 win)
	Mat Mladin (Suz), Australia	(60)
3.	Doug Chandler (Kaw), Salinas, CA	(59)
4.	Jamie Hacking (Yam), England	(55)
5.	Aaron Yates (Suz), Milledgeville, GA	(54)
6.	Ben Bostrom (Hon), Granada Hills, CA	(48)
7.	Thomas Stevens (Duc), Woodstock, GA	(46)
8.	Tom Kipp (Duc), Chardon, OH	(41)
9.	Scott Russell (Yam), Conyers, GA	(38/1)
10.	Thomas Wilson (H-D), Oregon, OH	(34)

AMA/PRO HONDA OILS 600cc SUPERSPORT SERIES

(After 2 of 13 rounds)

1.	Doug Chandler (Kaw), Salinas, CA	(74/2 wins)
2.	Steve Crevier (Suz), Canada	(54)
	Miguel DuHamel (Hon), Canada	(54)
	Eric Bostrom (Hon), Granada Hills, CA	(54)
5.	Jason Pridmore (Suz), Ventura, CA	(53)
6	Nicky Hayden (Hon), Owensboro, KY	(52)
7.	Ben Bostrom (Hon), Granada Hills, CA	(48)
8.	Steve Rapp (Suz), Lafayette, CA	(45)
9.	Larry Pegram (Suz), Baltimore, OH	(42)
10.	Tripp Nobles III (Hon), Macon, GA	(40)

AMA/TEAMLINE 750cc SUPERSPORT SERIES

(After 2 of 13 rounds)

1.	Jason Pridmore (Suz), Ventura, CA	(74/2 wins)
2.	Richard Alexander Jr. (Suz), Carmel, NY	(58)
3.	James Randolph (Suz), Santa Rosa, CA	(52)
4.	Jamie Bowman (Suz), Tequesta, FL	(50)
	Steve Rapp (Suz), Lafayette, CA	(50)
	Mario DuHamel (Suz), Canada	(50)
7.	Chris Rankin (Kaw), Austin, TX	(48)
8.	Jimmy Moore (Suz), Eugene, OR	(44)
9.	Dale Keiffer (Suz), Las Vegas, NV	(43)
10.	Mike Sullivan (Suz), Centralia, WA	(42)

AMA/ELF FUELS 250cc GRAND PRIX CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

(After 2 of 14 rounds)

1.	Chuck Sorenson (Yam), Discovery Bay, CA	(66/1 win)
	Takahito Mori (Hon), Japan	(66/1 win)
3.	Roland Sands (Yam), Long Beach, CA	(64)
4.	Randy Renfrow (Hon), Fredericksburg, VA	(54)
5.	Rodney Fee (Hon), Canada	(48)
6.	Kurtis Roberts (Hon), Turlock, CA	(46)
7.	Bruce Lind (Yam), Snohomish, WA	(31)
	Perry Melneciuc (Hon), Lehigh Acres, FL	(31)
9.	Mark Foster (Yam), San Juan Capistrano, CA	(26)
	Jefferey Vos (Hon), Holland, MI	(26)

AMA PROGRESSIVE INSURANCE PRO THUNDER SERIES

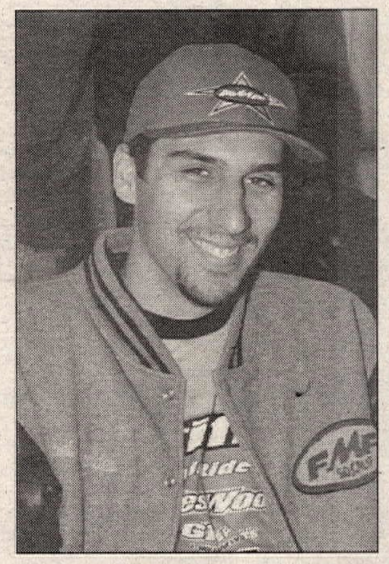
(After 2 of 13 rounds)

1.	Shawn Higbee (Bue), Waterford, WI	(70/1 win)
2.	Paul Harrell (Tri), Canyon Country, CA	(53)
3.	Mike McClean (Duc), Corte Madera, CA	(52)
	Michael Gage (Tri), Baldwin Place, NY	(52)
5.	Thomas Hull (Duc), Mesa, AZ	(49)
6.	Thomas Tucciarone (Duc), San Francisco, CA	(47)
7.	Mark Miller (Bue), Long Beach, CA	(46)
	James Lickwar (Tri), San Francisco, CA	(46)
9.	Bill St. John (V-2), Cullman, AZ	(44)
10.	David Keefer (Bue), Laramie, WY	(38)

AMA/PIRELLI FORMULA XTREME SERIES

(After 1 of 13 rounds)

1.	Eric Bostrom (Hon), Granada Hills, CA	(37/1 win)
2.	Tripp Nobles III (Hon), Macon, GA	(32)
3.	Mark Miller (Yam), Long Beach, CA	(29)
4.	Tray Batey (Suz), Gallatin, TN	(27)
5.	Michael Taylor (Kaw), Canada	(26)
6.	Jack Pfeifer (Suz), Las Vegas, NV	(25)
7.	Paul Harrell (Suz), Canyon Country, CA	(24)
8.	Michael Smith (Suz), Canton, GA	(23)
9.	Mike Sullivan (Suz), Centralia, WA	(22)
10.	Cory Call (Suz), Sacramento, CA	(21)



MICHAEL BRANDES

MOTOCROSS

THOR/PARTS UNLIMITED AMA SUPERCROSS SERIES

(After 10 of 16 rounds)

1.	Jeremy McGrath (Suz), Canyon Lake, CA	(224/5 wins)
2.	Kevin Windham (Yam), Baton Rouge, LA	(168/1)
3.	Ezra Lusk (Yam), Bainbridge, GA	(157/2)
4.	Larry Ward (Hon), Florence, SC	(148/1)
5.	Jeff Emig (Kaw), Riverside, CA	(146)
6.	Mike LaRocco (Suz), South Bend, IN	(144)
7.	Damon Hufman (Kaw), Acton, CA	(127)
8.	Mickael Pichon (Suz), France	(123)
9.	Doug Henry (Yam), Oxford, CT	(111)
	Greg Albertyn (Suz), Riverside, CA	(111)

AMA EASTERN REGIONAL 125cc SUPERCROSS SERIES

(After 5 of 8 rounds)

1.	Ricky Carmichael (Kaw), Havana, FL	(125/5 wins)
2.	Robbie Reynard (Suz), Norman, OK	(101)
3.	Brock Sellards (Hon), New Philadelphia, OH	(73)
4.	Casey Lytle (Hon), Santa Clarita, CA	(72)
5.	Jim Neese (KTM), Greensboro, NC	(53)
	Shae Bentley (Kaw), Ellenwood, GA	(53)
7.	Tony Lorusso (Suz), East Hartford, CT	(40)
	James Povolny Jr. (KTM), Mendota Heights, MN	(40)
9.	Paul Currie (Kaw), Naples, FL	(36)
10.	Cory Keeney (Yam), Oakdale, MN	(34)

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(After 5 of 7 rounds)

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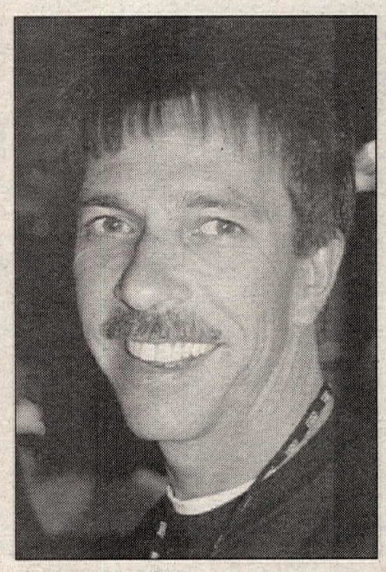
2.	David Vuillemin (Yam), France	(111/3)
3.	Stephane Roncada (Hon), France	(98)
4.	David Pingree (Hon), Menifee, CA	(84)
5.	Nathan Ramsey (Kaw), Hixon, TX	(73)
6.	Michael Brandes (Suz), Quail Valley, CA	(66)
	Greg Schnell (Yam), Rancho Cucamonga, CA	(66)
8.	Jason McCormick (Hon), Vancouver, WA	(49)
9.	Jeff Willoh (Suz), Glendale, CA	(46)
10.	Ryan Huffman (Suz), Roseburg, OR	(43)



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(After 1 of 21 rounds)

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2.	Terry Poovey (Rtx), Euless, TX	(19)
3.	Brett Landes (ATK), Los Gatos, CA	(16)
4.	Joe Kopp (KTM), Mica, WA	(15)
5.	Will Davis (ATK), Goldsboro, NC	(14)
6.	Rich King (CCM), Waterloo, IA	(13)
7.	Charlie Orr (Rtx), Irving, TX	(12)
8.	Roger Durkee (Rtx), Dunnellon, FL	(11)
9.	Kevin Varnes (Rtx), New Holland, PA	(10)
10.	Dan Stanley (Rtx), Bellingham, WA	(9)

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(After 1 of 7 rounds)

1.	Ty Davis (Yam), Hesperia, CA	(30/1 win)
2.	Nick Pearson (KTM), Pioche, NV	(25)
3.	Dave Ondas (Kaw), Trabuco Canyon, CA	(21)
4.	Destry Abbott (Kaw), Peoria, AZ	(18)
5.	Russell Pearson (KTM), Pioche, NV	(16)
6.	Johnny Campbell (Hon), San Clemente, CA	(15)
7.	Doug Chiapuzio (Kaw), Camarillo, CA	(14)
8.	Jeff Capt (Kaw), Glendora, CA	(13)
9.	Dan Richardson (Kaw), Fountain Valley, CA	(12)
10.	Steve Hengeveld (Kaw), Oak Hills, CA	(11)

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3.	Mike Lafferty (KTM), Millville, NJ	(39)
4.	Patrick Garrahan (KTM), Boulder Creek, CA	(36)
5.	Luca Trussardi (Kaw), Santee, CA	(32)
6.	Josh McLevy (Hon), Fairfield, CT	(29)
7.	Dave Flashburger (Hon), Pleasanton, CA	(25)
8.	Erik Kohler (Yam), Sacramento, CA	(17)
9.	Randy Hawkins (Yam), Travelers Rest, SC	(16)
	Sean Wilson (Suz), Maple Valley, CA	(16)

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(After 1 of 13 rounds)

1.	Fred Andrews (Yam), Salem, OH	(20/1 win)
2.	Ty Davis (Yam), Hesperia, CA	(19)
3.	Rodney Smith (Suz), Oakley, CA	(18)
4.	Scott Summers (Hon), Petersburg, KY	(17)
5.	Randy Hawkins (Yam), Travelers Rest, SC	(16)
6.	Luca Trussardi (Kaw), Santee, CA	(15)
7.	Steve Hatch (Suz), Ithaca, NY	(14)
8.	Josh McLevy (Hon), Fairfield, CT	(13)
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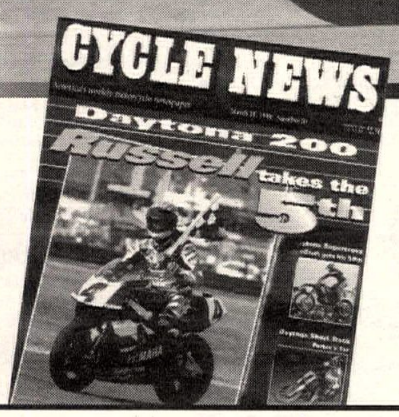

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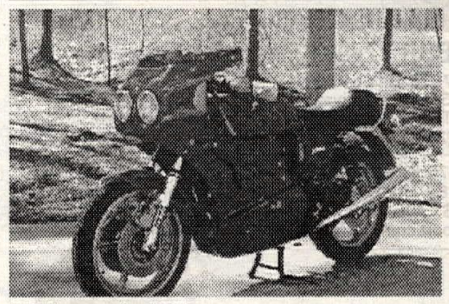

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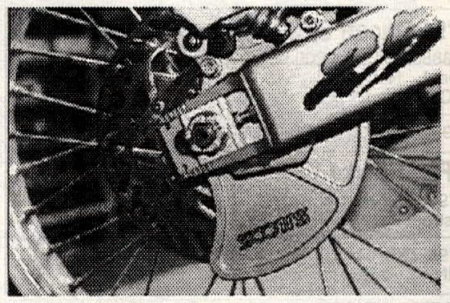

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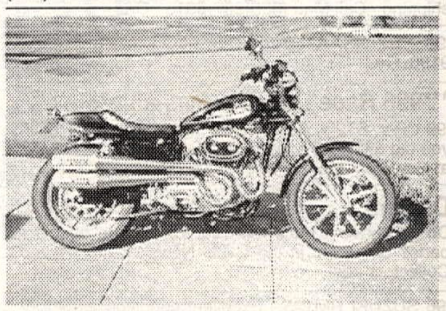

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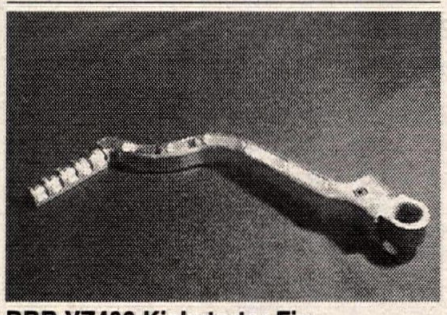

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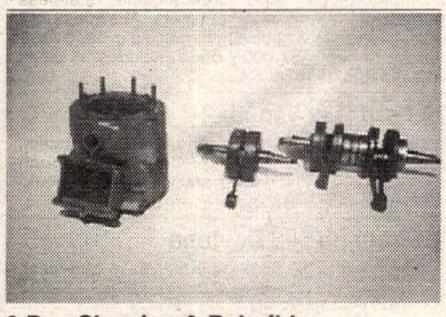

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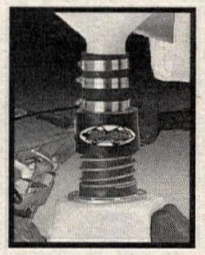
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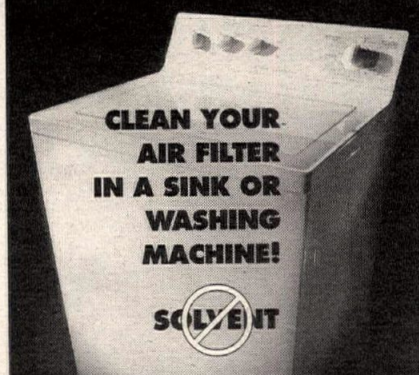
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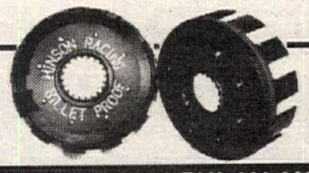
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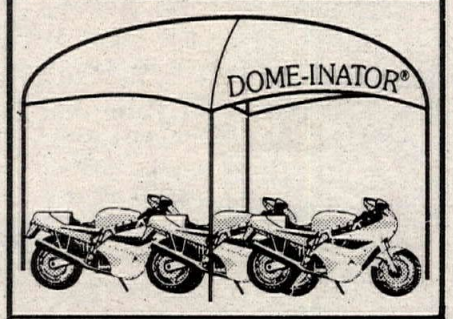

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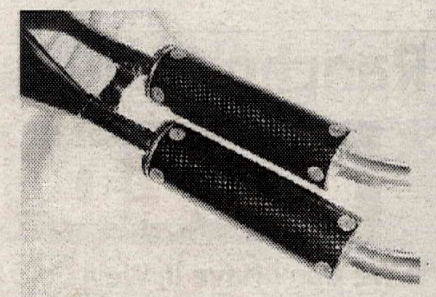

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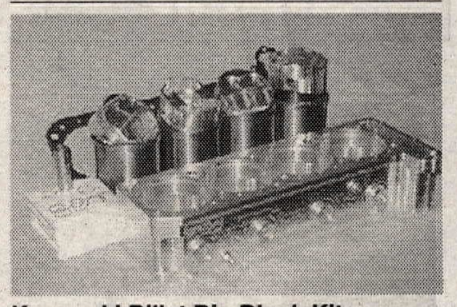

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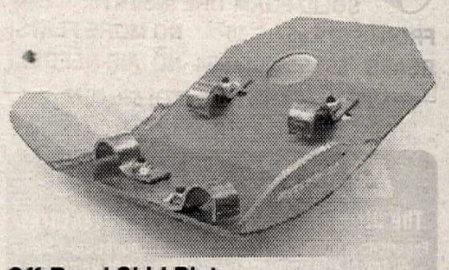

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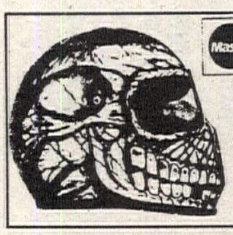

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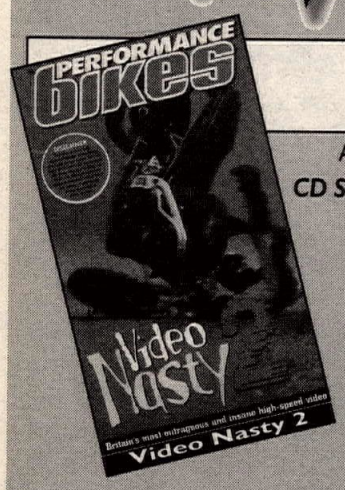

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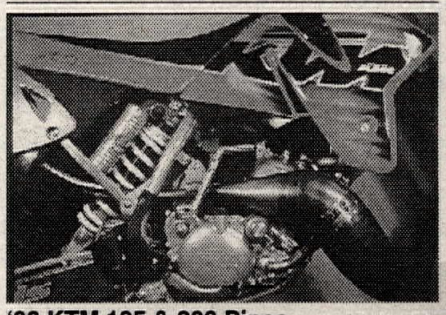

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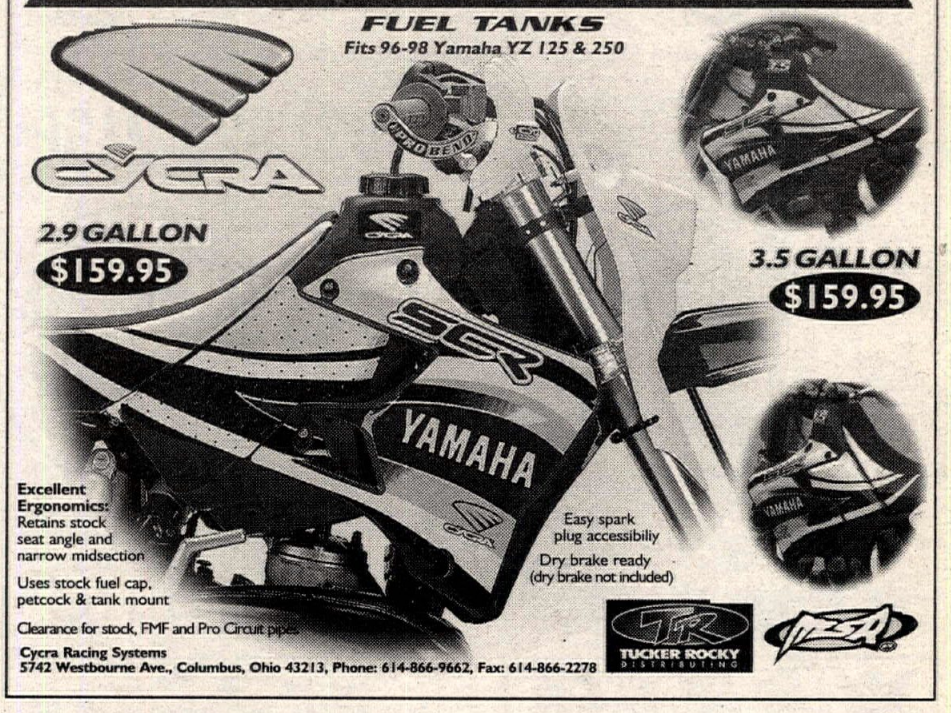

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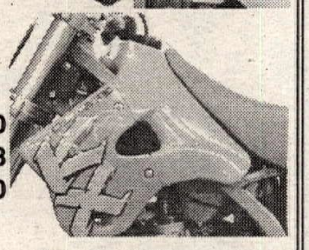

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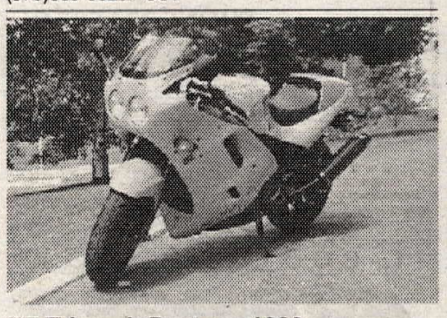

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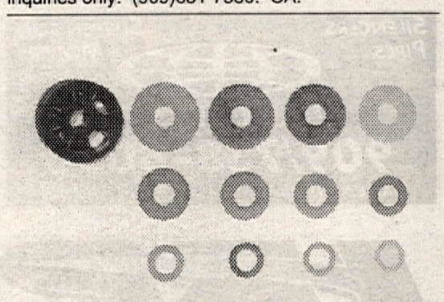

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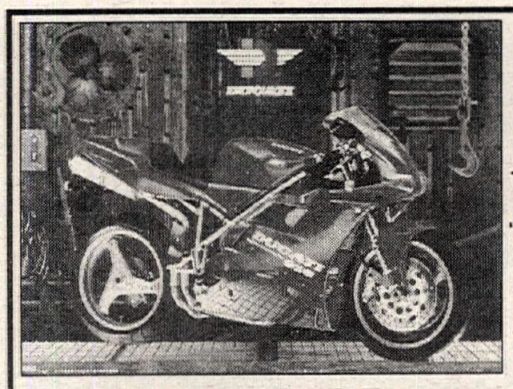

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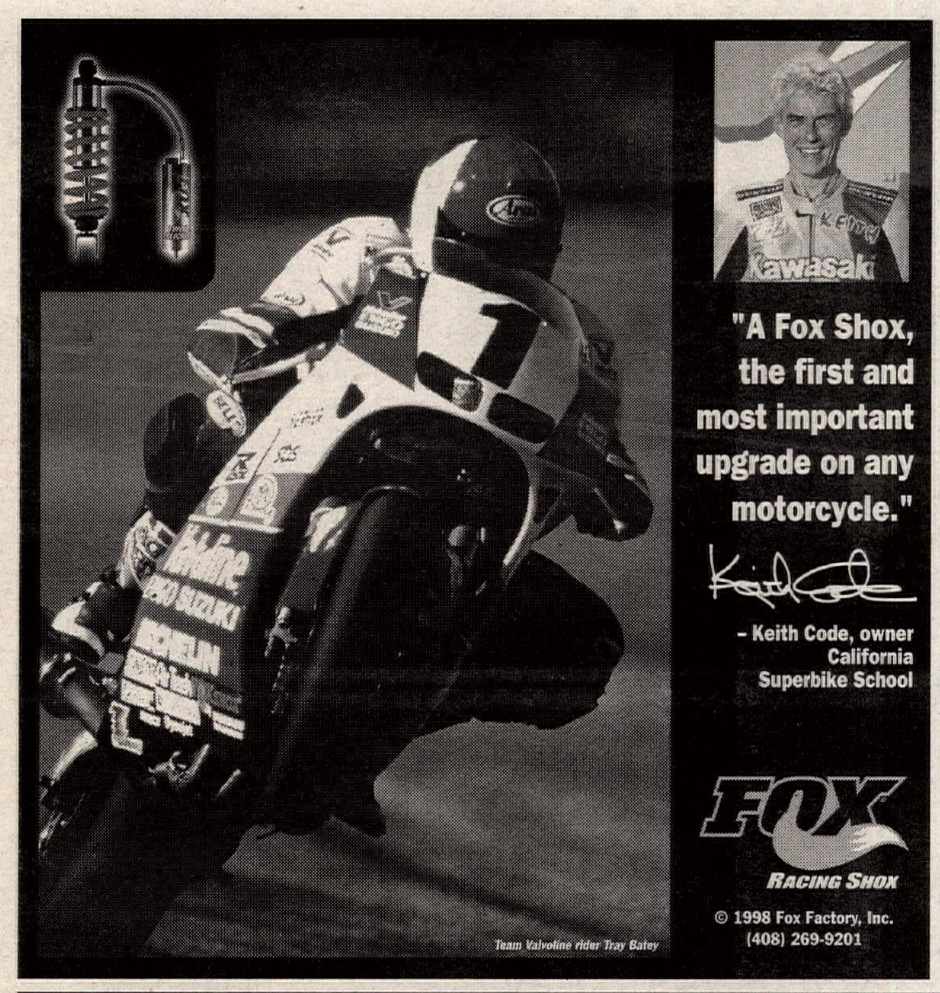

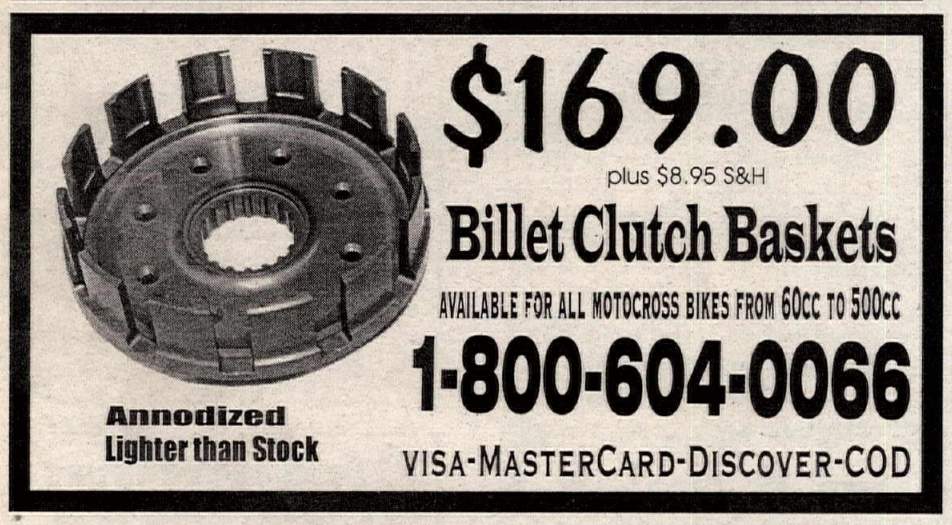

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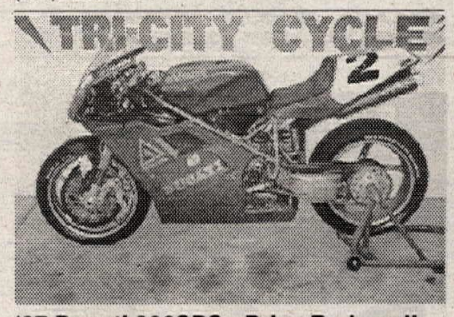

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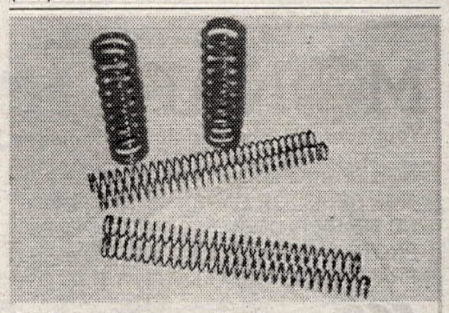

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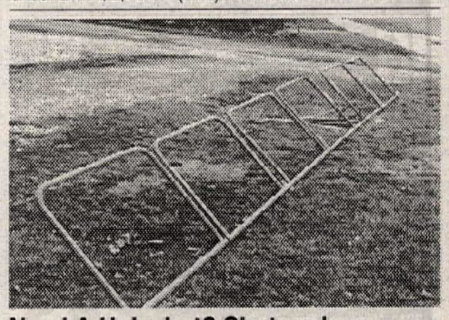

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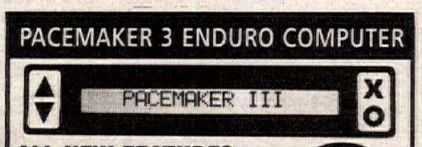

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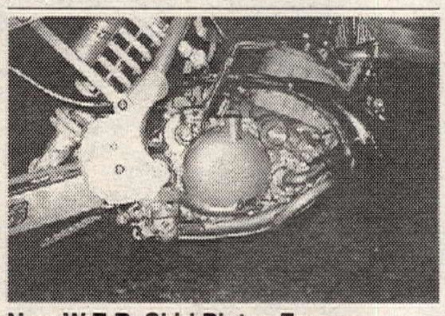

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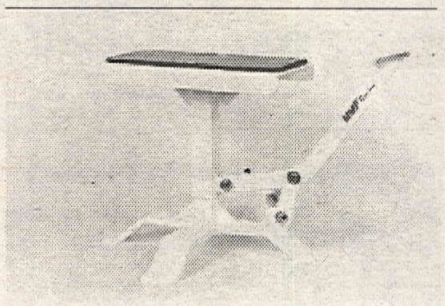

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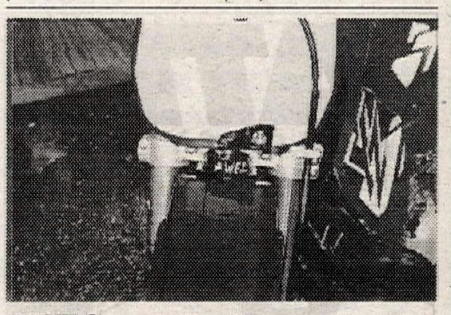

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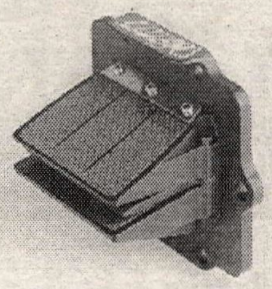

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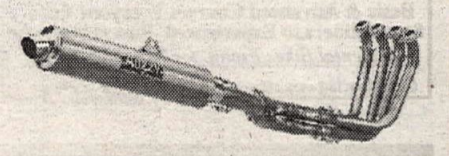

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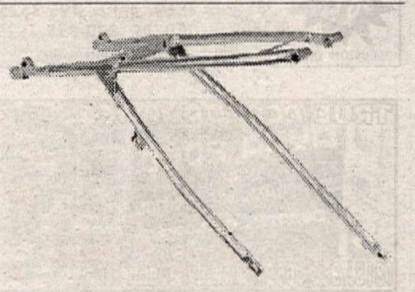

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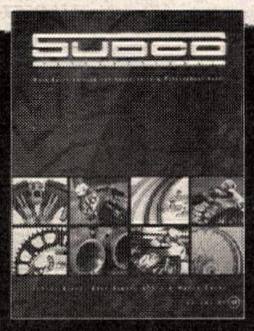

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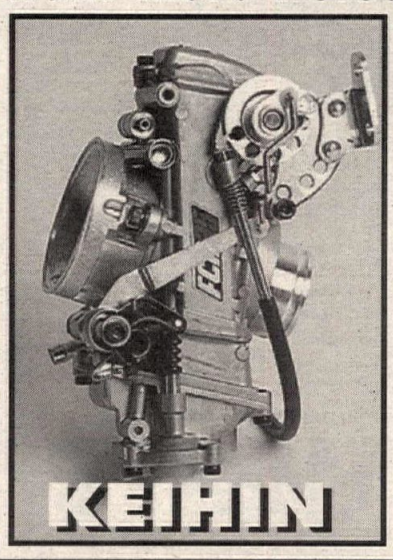

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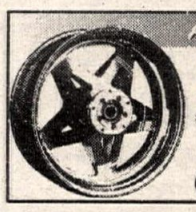

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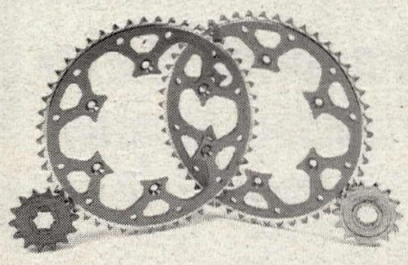

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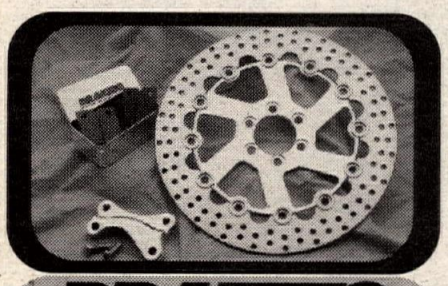

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TEARDOWN

BY PAUL CARRUTHERS

The Daytona 200 used to be big. Now it's just long.

Dating back to the early '70s, Daytona International Speedway played host to what was generally regarded as one of the biggest motorcycle road races in the world. Now the fabled Speedway plays host to a race that is nothing more than the longest one in the AMA Superbike Championship. The difference between then and now? How about a complete lack of international road racing stars?

Remember when each and every March brought the very best road racers in the world to Florida to do battle? Think back to the tension that America vs. the World provided. Think of the greats who have raced there, beginning with the first of the internationals to win the 200 - Finland's Jarno Saarinen. Then came Italy's Giacomo Agostini, Venezuela's Johnny Cecotto, France's Patrick Pons, New Zealand's Graeme Crosby. And those are only the internationals who actually won the race. Look at the list of those who have raced here and gone home without victory and you begin with the likes of Mike Hailwood, Phil Read, Geoff Perry and Barry Sheene. For those of you too young to find those names impressive, try finding Carl Fogarty in the pit area at Daytona. How about Troy Corser?

Riders from Australia, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Holland, Japan, New Zealand, Scotland, Sweden, Germany, Belgium, China, Czechoslovakia (when it was such), England, France, Italy, Mexico, Ireland, Spain, Switzerland, Venezuela and Yugoslavia have competed in Daytona 200s since Ed Kretz Sr. won the first 200-miler in 1937.

This year there were 13 non-American passport holders among the 80 qualifiers (only 69 riders started the race). That's right - 13. And seven of those 13 were from Canada. Two were from Australia (Mat Mladin and Anthony Gobert, both of whom are competing for the AMA Superbike title), two were from Mexico, one from Brazil, one from England. That's it, folks. Take away those who only trekked from somewhere in North America (Mladin and Gobert are currently living in California) and you have exactly *two* international riders.

Perhaps longtime British road racing journalist John Brown sums it up best: "We started coming here to follow the Brits. Now I have a hard time flogging the story to my newspaper over there (in England). There's not a Brit in the race. There just isn't the international interest anymore. They might take 150 words on it."

From front page to barely a mention.

According to Don Emde's "The Daytona 200 - the history of America's premiere motorcycle race," some 60,000 fans showed up in 1974 to watch the 200. I wonder if it had anything to do with the fact that they were treated to a race that included then 13-time World Champion Giacomo Agostini, America's new Grand National Champion Kenny Roberts, Japan's Hideo Kanaya and Ken Araoka, Grand Prix star Barry Sheene, legend Gary Nixon, England's Paul Smart, Cliff Carr and Ron Grant, Canada's Yvon DuHamel, Finland's Teuvo Lansivouri, France's Christian Bourgeois - to name a few.

It doesn't take a long memory to recall that a walk over to garages 24 and 25 inside the paddock area would always lead you to Little England. Mike Trimby used to be there with a contingent of British riders, and it was there that you could find the Niall Mackenzies, the Carl Fogartys, et al. Now you can't even find Trimby at the race track. The only time he was spotted this year was at the airport, where he was waiting for tourists who had come to Daytona as part of his tour. Tourists, but no racers.

This year I walked over to garages 24 and 25 hoping to get a cup of tea. Instead I found Tilley's Harley-Davidson and Dega Racing inhabiting those two garages. Don't get me wrong, it's great having Jamie James back in the AMA Superbike Series on his Tilley's VR1000, but he probably makes a lousy cup of tea.

Okay, so how do we raise the level of the race again so that it truly is an international event?

For one, we can forget those who compete in the 500cc World Championship. You'll never see the likes of Mick Doohan, Alex Criville, Norifumi Abe and Carlos Checa in the Daytona 200. They don't race superbikes, so it would make no sense for the factories to bring them here - unless we can get the Daytona 200 to rival the Suzuka 8 Hours in terms of its international prestige and importance to the factories. Say, for example, Honda gets sick of Scott Russell and Yamaha winning the Daytona 200 and they perceive their only chance of stopping him is to bring Doohan in on an RC45. It's a long shot, so forget about it.

What Daytona should be able to attract, however, are the stars from the World Superbike Championship. For the most part, they race the same bikes.

Russell is a given, so we won't even count him. So why aren't Fogarty, Corser, Aaron Slight, Pier-Francesco Chili, Colin Edwards II, Peter Goddard, Jamie Whitham, etc., here? Namely, because Daytona does nothing for them. With the exception of Edwards, the Daytona 200 probably does very little to excite the likes of World Superbike racers such as Chili.

Like other American and Canadian road racers, Edwards knows the history of the Daytona 200. He's heard of or knows men such as Roger Reiman, Gary Nixon, Joe Leonard, Cal Rayborn, Dick Mann and Kenny Roberts. And being a part of that history is enough to bring North American racers to Daytona every March. If you're American, winning the Daytona 200 is a big deal. If you're Italian, it probably doesn't mean a plate of pasta.

Edwards wanted badly to race in the 200 this year, but it wasn't that important to his employers. It was important enough to him that he came to watch. Honda's enthusiasm apparently didn't match Edwards'. HRC already had DuHamel and Ben Bostrom in the race, and Castrol Honda obviously didn't think the Daytona 200 was anything more than an expensive pre-World Superbike Series distraction. Thus, Edwards was likely the fastest spectator of the 40,000 who turned out.

Come Daytona time, the majority of the World Superbike teams are deep in preparation for the World Superbike Championship that begins only two weeks after the Daytona 200. They're testing at places such as Eastern Creek and Phillip Island in Australia - tracks that help them prepare for the task at hand. Daytona does nothing for those preparations. Motorcycles and tires that work well at Daytona don't necessarily work well at race tracks that comprise the World Superbike Series, so you can't bait them here with that.

There's really only one way to get them here, one way to bring the Daytona 200 back to true international prominence. If you want British riders, French riders, Italian riders, Belgian riders, German riders, more Australians; if you want America vs. the World; if you want Russell racing Slight, Doug Chandler racing Chili, DuHamel racing Whitham, Gobert racing Goddard - you make the Daytona 200 the first round of the World Superbike Championship.

That's the only way - with the possible exception of paying international riders heaps of money just to show up (it's been done before) - to get them here. Make it so they have to come. And when they do, they'll bring with them live international television, media from around the world - and true racing fans from around the world who will actually come to the race rather than hang out downtown.

So is it possible? Probably not. It would take a commitment from both Daytona and Flammini, the promoters of the World Superbike Series. And it would have to be profitable for both.

We also have a little problem with mileage, but I've gone ahead and solved that, too.

World Superbike racing uses a two-race format, and the teams would probably cringe at the thought of running one 200-mile race. They don't have the refueling equipment, the manpower, blah, blah, blah. But the Daytona 200 is exactly that - 200. Always has been. Well, there was that little fuel-rationing thing in 1974 that forced the race to be shortened to 180 miles; oh, and that time in 1977 when rain shortened the race to 100 miles. But neither of those stopped any of us from calling it the Daytona 200.

The solution: You run two 100-kilometer races (100 + 100 = 200). That will appease the World Superbike teams, and it'll also work for the Speedway. Wasn't America supposed to switch to the metric system of measurement anyway?

So let's do it, Daytona. Let's make the 200 big again. CN

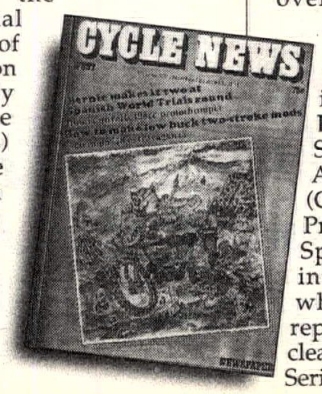
LOOKING BACK...

30 YEARS AGO...
APRIL 11, 1968

Harley-Davidson was flying high at Daytona International Speedway, as factory rider **Cal Rayborn** lapped the entire field, including runner-up **Yvon DuHamel** (Yam), on his way to winning the Daytona 200. Rayborn set a new record 101.290 mph average during his winning run. **Bill Lyons** (Hon) won the 100-mile Amateur race, and **Don Hollingsworth** (H-D) won the 80-mile Novice race... **Gary Bailey** (Hod) outdueled early leader **Dave Aldana** to win the 100cc Senior TT main event in South Gate, California... **Lars Larson** (Hus) was the man to beat at the Carlsbad Raceway motocross... **Bill Cook** (CZ) won the 360cc A class at the Woodland Scrambles in Woodland, California... We took you south of the border to Mexico for a TT/motocross, where **Roy Spiker** (Bri) and **Yater Reynolds** (Kaw) won the 100cc and 250cc Expert classes, respectively.

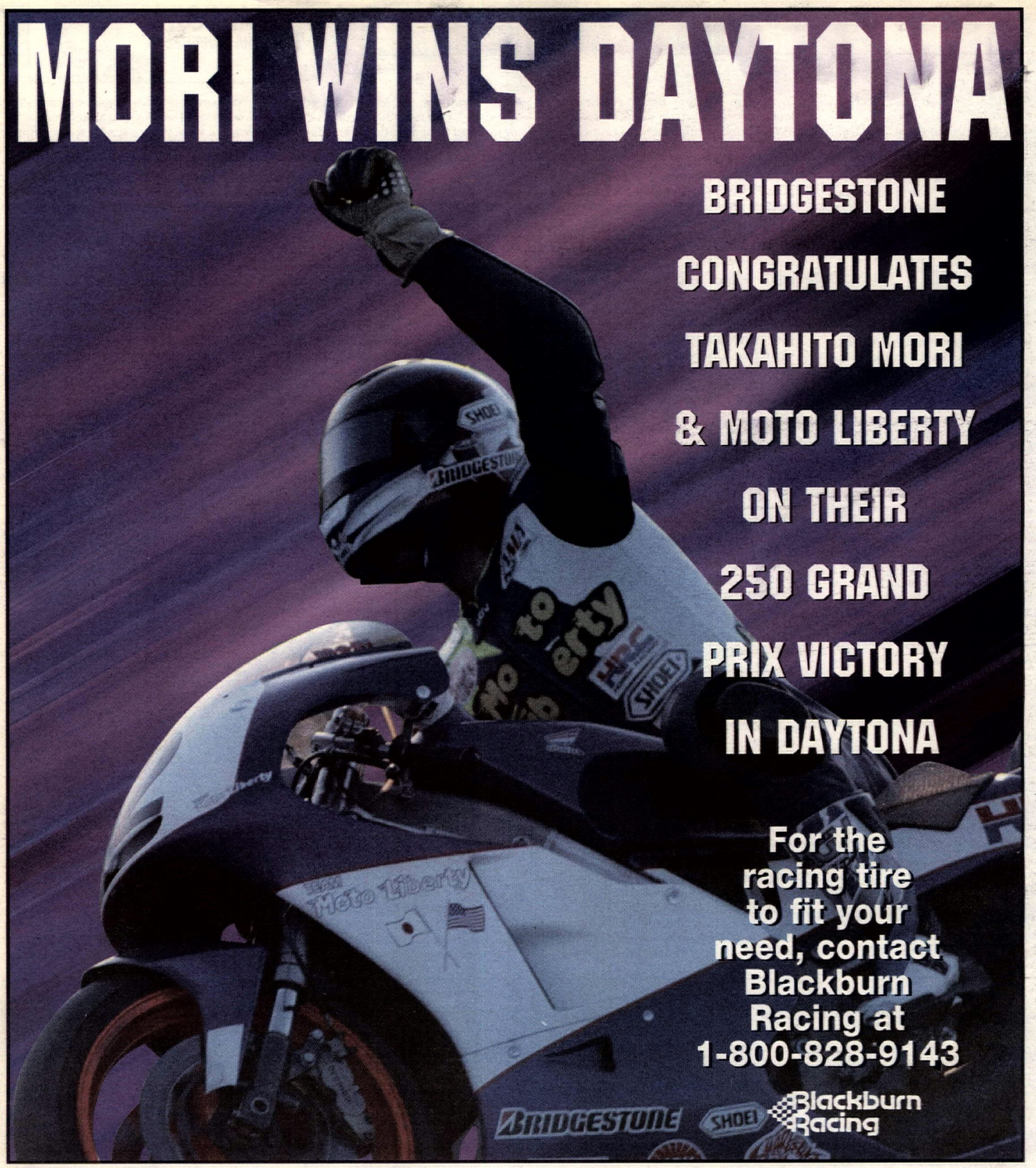
20 YEARS AGO...
MARCH 29, 1978

Female road racer **Carter Allsop** was featured on the cover, and inside we ran a two-page interview on the AMA's first female Pro Novice road racer... **Bob "Hurricane" Hannah** (Yam) returned to the top of the podium in supercross, claiming victory on both nights at the Houston Astrodome and halting the win streak of **Marty Tripes** (Hon), who was second to Hannah in both main events. **Broc Glover** (Yam) was third on Friday, and Tony DiStefano (Suz) was third on Saturday... One day later, 1200 amateur racers invaded the Astrodome for the Grand National Championship Finals. By the end of the day, **John Miller** (Suz) had won the 125cc Expert class, and Randy Kirschbaum (Yam) had topped the 250 Experts... **Larry Roeseler** (Hus) beat **Bob Balentine** (KTM) by more than 12 minutes to claim the win in the SCORE Mexicali 250... **Bernie Schreiber** (Bul) gave America its first-ever World Championship trials victory in Sommieres, France... **Lance Jones** (H-D) and **Terry Poovey** (Bul) split wins during the Daytona short tracks during Speed Week.



10 YEARS AGO...
MARCH 23, 1988

Two-time World 500cc Champion and former World 250cc Champion **Freddie Spencer** was set to announce his retirement from racing, according to a large *Wind* item on page 2. Spencer, 26, had been largely inactive over the previous two seasons due to injury... We tested the 1988 Yamaha YZ250U, proclaiming it as "race-ready right out of the crate"... **Kevin Brown** (Suz) raced to the win in the Sand Flea 100 in Sanford, North Carolina, the opening round of the AMA/Wiseco/Suzuki GNCC Series... **Gordon Ward** (Cag) took the overall win at the Viewfinders Grand Prix at Riverside Raceway in Southern California... Speedway racer **"Sudden" Sam Ermolenko** was interviewed after surviving a controversial 1987, which saw him banned by the FIM for failing to report for a random drug test. Ermolenko was later cleared... Ermolenko also contested the Spring Classic Series, which was won by **Bobby Schwartz**.



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